JUDD IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH ALSO INCLUDES REPS. CHURCH (R-ILL), ADAIR (R-IND) AND ZABLOCKI (D-WIS). THEY COVERED 30,000 MILES IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS OF AIR TRAVEL, RETURNING LAST NIGHT.

ADAIR, IN AN INTERVIEW, SAID THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO FIND THAT ASIANS "RECOGNIZE COMMUNISM FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS, NOT AN IDEOLOGY BUT AN ACTUAL IMPERIALISM THAT TAKES AWAY THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENSLAVES THEM."

HE SAID AMERICANS SHOULD NOT CONFUSE THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM WITH THE RISE OF NATIONALISM IN ASIA "ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNISTS TRY TO USE NATIONALISM AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR THEIR ADVANCEMENT."

DISCOURAGING THINGS ABOUT ASIAN COUNTRIES, IN ADAIR'S VIEW, ARE THEIR "YOUNG INEXPERIENCED GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSE RACIAL PROBLEMS, LACK OF SETTLED ECONOMIES AND AN OVERALL, BREEDING FEAR OF CHINESE COMMUNISTS."

RED CHINA, ADAIR SAID, "DOMINATES THE ENTIRE AREA BOTH IN MANPOWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SMALLER NATIONS LIVE UNDER THE THREAT IT COULD TAKE THEM OVER.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE SMALLER NATIONS SURVIVE AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GOOD LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THEIR PEOPLES. TO DO THAT THEY MUST COMBAT COMMUNISM AND THEY REALIZE IT. THAT IS THE ENCOURAGING THING."

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(120) GROW

WASHINGTON,DEC.18 (AP)-THE U.S.COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS TODAY ALLOWED MAJ.GEN.ROBERT W.GROW TO WITHDRAW HIS REQUEST FOR A NEW TRIAL ON HIS CONVICTION OF VIOLATING SECURITY REGULATIONS.

GROW'S CONVICTION RESULTED FROM THE THEFT OF HIS SECRET DIARY BY SOVIET AGENTS IN 1951. EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY WERE USED IN RED PROPAGANDA BLASTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

GROW WAS ASSIGNED AS MILITARY ATTACHE AT THE U.S.EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME HIS DIARY WAS FILCHED IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, WHERE HE WAS VISITING.

A COURT MARTIAL CONVICTED THE GENERAL OF IMPROPERLY JOTTING DOWN U.S.MILITARY SECRETS IN HIS PERSONAL JOURNAL. HE WAS SENTENCED TO A REPRIMAND AND SUSPENDED FROM COMMAND OF TROOPS FOR SIX MONTHS.

GROW, 59, WAS RETIRED LAST JAN.1 AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

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(300) ADVANCE FOR USE AT 10 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME, FRIDAY, DEC 18

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 18 (AP)-SEN. H. ALEXANDER SMITH (R-NJ) EXPRESSED THE HOPE TONIGHT THAT SEN. MCCARTHY WILL GET ON THE REPUBLICAN TEAM AND "GET ON IT SOON."

MCCARTHY, A WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN, RECENTLY SUGGESTED THAT THE PUBLIC ASK PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO HALT U.S. AID TO FREE WORLD NATIONS WHICH TRADE WITH RED CHINA. CONSIDERABLE MAIL AND TELEGRAMS TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOLLOWED.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THIS COUNTRY'S ALLIES ARE NOT SHIPPING RED CHINA ANY STRATEGIC MATERIALS AND THAT SUCH TRADE AS IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH RED CHINA IS, ON THE WHOLE, TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEST.

"IN THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN JOE MCCARTHY AND THE PRESIDENT," SMITH SAID ON THE CBS RADIO PROGRAM "CAPITOL CLOAKROOM" TONIGHT, "I'M WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MR. DULLES (SECRETARY OF STATE) BECAUSE WE'RE ON A TEAM AND I HOPE MR. MCCARTHY WILL GET ON THAT TEAM AND GET ON IT SOON.

"WE MAY HAVE DIFFERENCES AND WE CAN ARGUE THEM IN THE FAMILY, BUT TO ARGUE THEM OUTSIDE THE FAMILY JUST ISN'T RIGHT AND I'M DISTURBED OVER CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES MADE THAT THE EISENHOWER-DULLES ADMINISTRATION IS DOMINATED BY THE OLD TRUMAN-ACHESON (ADMINISTRATION) AND SO ON."

AS FOR MCCARTHY'S CAMPAIGN TO HAVE THE PUBLIC WRITE OR WIRE THE PRESIDENT ABOUT CHINA TRADE, SMITH SAID:

"I DON'T APPROVE OF THAT. I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR ANY ONE OF US TO ASK THE PUBLIC TO VOTE BETWEEN OUR POSITION AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHEN WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME PARTY."

SMITH SAID HE HAD BEEN QUOTED AS TAKING MCCARTHY'S SIDE.

"I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE POINT MCCARTHY IS MAKING," SAID SMITH, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE FAR EAST. "I MYSELF HAVE QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF TRADE WHILE AT WAR. BUT NOW WE HAVE A TRUCE WE'RE TRYING TO BRING ABOUT. AN ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF THE BRITISH AND OTHERS."

SMITH EXPRESSED BELIEF THE BRITISH COULD BE CONVINCED OF THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNIST CHINESE REGIME.

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CHICAGO, DEC 18 (AP)-SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) SAID TODAY THAT SOME "COMMUNIST SPIE" WILL "GO TO JAIL FOR EITHER PRJURY OR CONTEMPT" AS THE RESULT OF APPEARANCES BEFORE HIS SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

MC CARTHY TOLD A RECORD 2,500 DINERS AT A LUNCHEON OF THE EXECUTIVES CLUB OF CHICAGO THAT "I CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT COMMUNIST SPIES WILL BE CONVICTED UNDER THE SPECIFIC CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE, BUT I WILL MAKE YOU ONE PROMISE TODAY--AND YOU CAN HOLD ME TO IT. SOME OF THEM WILL GO TO JAIL FOR EITHER PERJURY OR CONTEMPT OF THE COMMITTEE."

AL CAPONE, THE LATE CHICAGO GANGSTER, MCCARTHY SAID, "COULD NOT BE CONVICTED OF THE NUMBER OF MURDERS COMMITTED BY HIS RING, BUT SOCIETY WAS JUST AS EFFECTIVELY PROTECTED BY HIS CONVICTION FOR INCOME TAX EVASION.

"LET ME REPEAT, WHILE COMMUNIST SPIES MAY BE CLEVER ENOUGH TO AVOID CONVICTION FOR ESPIONAGE, NEVERTHELESS A VERY DAMAGING BLOW IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEALT THE COMMUNIST APPARATUS BY WAY OF CONVICTIONS FOR PERJURY OR CONTEMPT."

IN A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER THE SPEECH MCCARTHY SAID HE "UNDERSTOOD" LEGISLATION WAS BEING PREPARED FOR CONGRESS THAT WOULD END GIFT TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THOSE WHO DONATED FUNDS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING HARVARD, THAT EMPLOY "FIFTH AMENDMENT COMMUNISTS."

IN HIS SPEECH, MCCARTHY REFERRED TO HARVARD AS A "REAL PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY" FOR PROFESSORS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AS TO WHETHER THEY EVER HAD COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. THEIR REFUSALS WERE BASED ON PROTECTION FROM SELF-INCRIMINATION UNDER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

MCCARTHY TOLD THE GROUP THAT AFTER QUESTIONING SOME WORKERS IN TOP-SECRET JOBS AT CLOSELY GUARDED GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS HE WONDERED "WHETHER THE 10-FOOT BARBED WIRE FENCES WERE TO KEEP COMMUNISTS OUT OR TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING DISTURBED AT THEIR WORK."

HE RAD EXCERPTS FROM RECENT TESTIMONY BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE BY WITNESSES HE SAID HANDLED "THE TOPMOST SECRETS" OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER THEY WERE COMMUNISTS OR HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ROOT SUCH PERSONS FROM THEIR JOBS, BUT "MORE IMPORTANT IS DIGGING OUT THOSE ON THE MISNAMED LOYALTY BOARDS WHO HAVE PASSED THESE PEOPLE AND GIVEN THEM CLEARANCE."

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MCCARTHY DECLARED THAT "A COMMUNIST IN A SPOSITION OF POLICY IN THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO INFINITE DAMAGE. BUT A MAN IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY HANDLING THE MINDS OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS CAN DO TEN TIMES THAT DAMAGE."

MCCARTHY THEN ASSERTED THAT "IF WE ARE TO CREATE A FREE AND PEACEFUL WORLD, WE MUST FIRST RE-CREATE A FREE POLAND AND A FREE CHINA."

HE SAID HE DIDN'T "HAVE THE ANSWER TO THE POLISH QUESTION," BUT COMMUNIST CHINA "COULD BE BLOCKADED WITHOUT THE USE OF A SINGLE AMERICAN WARSHIP OR WITHOUT USING A SINGLE AMERICAN MILITARY MAN, OR WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT" IF U.S. AID WERE DENIED ALLIED TRADING WITH RED CHINA.

HE ADDED THAT HE WASN'T TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAS "DONE A TREMENDOUSLY GOOD JOB." BUT, HE SAID, IF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WERE A SENATOR AND SAW DANGEROUS MISTAKE MADE IN FOREIGN POLICY, "HE WOULD SPEAK UP."436PCS

A64 (400)

NEW YORK, DEC. 18 (AP)-~~MARTIN LEVINE~~, ELECTRONICS ENGINEER SUSPENDED FROM THE ROME, N.Y., GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE LABORATORY, SAYS HE INTEND TO LEGALLY CHALLENGE MCCARTHY SUBCOMMITTEE WITNESSES WHO CONTENDED HE WAS A COMMUNIST OR A COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER.

THE 28-YEAR-OLD LEVINE SAID YESTERDAY HE APPEARED WEDNESDAY IN CLOSED SESSION BEFORE SEN.JOSEPH R.MCCARTHY (R-WIS), HEAD OF THE SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

MCCARTHY YESTERDAY ADJOURNED OPEN AND CLOSED HEARINGS HERE UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR.

LEVINE, SUSPENDEDHNOV. 23 ~~FROM~~ SUSPENDED GRIFFISS, SAID HE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY MCCARTHY. NEITHER THE SENATOR NOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS RELEASED ANY DETAILS OF LEVINE'S QUESTIONING.

LEVINE WAS ~~DISCHARGED~~ FROM THE AIR BASE LABORATORY SPECIFICALLY ON CHARGES OF COMMUNIST LEANINGS AND VIOLATION OF SECURITY REGULATIONS. HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN AIR FORCE HEARING.

LEVINE SAID MCCARTHY TOLD HIM "15 OR 20" PERSONS--NOT NAMED--CHARGED HE WAS A COMMUNIST OR HAD COMMUNIST LEANINGS.

IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY, LEVINE SAID HE AGREED WITH MCCARTHY THAT PERJURY WAS INDICATED ON ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER, AND ADDED:

"THE SENATOR INFORMED ME THAT MY STATEMENTS CONTRADICTED THESE AND THAT IF THE STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE INDIVIDUALS UNDER OATH, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE CHARGES OF PERJURY.

"SOMEONE, EITHER THEY OR ME, IS LYING.

"I DESIRE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THESE FALSE STATEMENTS BE SWORN UNDER OATH SO THAT IT CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE A GRAND JURY.

"I DESIRE THIS FOR THREE REASONS:

"1. TO CLEAR MY NAME COMPLETELY AND THOROUGHLY BEFORE THE COURT AND IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC.

"2. TO HOLD THE INDIVIDUALS MAKING THESE FALSE ACCUSATIONS UP TO THE SCRUTINY OF THEIR FELLOW WORKERS SO THEY CAN BE KNOWN AS FALSIFIERS, TWISTERS OF THE TRUTH, SPREADERS OF FALSE REPORTS, ETC.

"3. SO THAT I CAN OBTAIN SENTENCE AGAINST THEM FOR PERJURY AND, IN ADDITION, TO SUE THEM DIRECTLY FOR THE MENTAL ANXIETY, FINANCIAL LOSS, LOSS OF HEALTH AND THE ATTEMPT TO RUIN MY REPUTATION.

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"I FEEL THAT I CAN PROVE BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT I AM NOT AND NEVER HAVE BEEN A COMMUNIST, COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER OR MARXIST."

AT THE CLOSED HEARING, LEVINE SAID, HE TOLD MCCARTHY THE SECURITY VIOLATION COUNTS CAN BE "SIMPLY EXPLAINED."

INCLUDED AMONG AIR FORCE CHARGES, LEVINE SAID, IS ONE OF HAVING READ FROM A BOOK, "COMMUNIST DOCTRINE AND THE FREE WORLD," ALLEGEDLY TO CONVINCE HIS FELLOW WORKERS THAT COMMUNISM HAS MERIT.

LEVINE SAID HE RECOMMENDED TO MCCARTHY THAT HE SCAN THE BOOK IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE EVILS OF MARXISM.

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B4WX Q (OXNAM FM AYE)
(400)

ADVANCE FOR USE AT 7 P.M., EST FRIDAY DEC. 18

(ADVANCE) (WX) LOS ANGELES, DEC. 18 (AP)-METHODIST BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM SAID TONIGHT THAT SOME COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING ALLEGED SUBVERSION ARE "PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS."

DECLARING THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND OTHER GROUPS USE METHODS WHICH THREATEN CIVIL LIBERTIES, OXNAM SAID:

"NO COMMUNIST COULD WANT MORE THAN TO WITNESS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DIVIDED, EACH SUSPICIOUS OF THE OTHER."

THE BISHOP, WHO WAS BARRED FROM SPEAKING IN THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM TWO MONTHS AGO ON THE GROUND THAT HE WAS "TOO CONTROVERSIAL" A FIGURE, MADE HIS STATEMENTS IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH HERE.

HE SAID TOO MANY OF THE INVESTIGATORS "DO NOT BELIEVE IN A FREE SOCIETY. THEY THEMSELVES WISH TO DICTATE. THE VIRUS OF THE TOTALITARIAN STATE HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THEIR BODIES."

"THE COMMUNITY MUST PROTECT ITSELF," HE SAID, "BY EFFECTIVE QUARANTINE, WHICH MEANS LEAVING SUCH INDIVIDUALS HOME AND SENDING TO OUR LEGISLATURES MEN WHO KNOW THE MEANING OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT."

HE SAID A FORMER INVESTIGATOR OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAS "PROUDLY BOASTED" THAT THE COMMITTEE IS NOW KEEPING FILES ON MORE THAN A MILLION AMERICANS.

HE DID NOT NAME THE FORMER INVESTIGATOR.

HE DECLARED THE COMMITTEE'S FILES--THE SOURCE OF NUMEROUS ACCUSATIONS IN COMMUNIST INQUIRIES--ARE "A SLANTED SCISSORS AND PASTE METHOD OF COLLECTING UNVERIFIED MATERIAL."

SUCH A PROCEDURE, HE SAID, IS "VICIOUS AND UN-AMERICAN" AND A THREAT TO FREEDOM.

DECLARING THAT THE COMMUNIST THREAT IS "TOO SERIOUS TO TOLERATE INCOMPETENT PRACTICES" BY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE GROUPS, OXNAM SAID:

"WE MUST EXPOSE THE EXPOSERS. LET US TURN THE LIGHT UPON MEN WHO USE THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE TO DEFAME CHARACTER. LET US TURN THE LIGHT UPON THESE LITTLE MEN WHO, GIVEN HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES, HAVE REVEALED AN INCOMPETENCY THAT DEMANDS THAT OTHERS TAKE THEIR PLACES."

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OXNAM SINGLED OUT THREE OF THE FOUR DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE NINE-MAN COMMITTEE FOR PRAISE--REPS. DOYLE (CALIF), MOULDER (MO) AND FRAZIER (TENN)--BUT AIMED NEW CRITICISM AT CHAIRMAN VELDE (R-ILL) AND REP. JACKSON (R-CALIF).

THE BISHOP CITED VERDE'S MOVE TO SUBPOENA FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN DURING THE RECENT HARRY DEXTER WHITE CASE, AND DECLARED:

"HE (VERDE) MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD OTHER PLANS, BUT HE HAD TO STAY IN THE SPOTLIGHT. SO WE WITNESS THE SORRY SPECTACLE OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES CLAMORING FOR STAR WITNESSES.

"WE ARE MADE RIDICULOUS BEFORE THE WORLD."

OXNAM ALSO RECALLED A HOUSE SPEECH LAST MARCH 17 IN WHICH JACKSON

DESCRIBED THE BISHOP AS HAVING "SERVED GOD ON SUNDAY AND THE COMMUNIST FRONT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK."

CONTINUING, OXNAM SAID:

"MR.JACKSON NOW KNOWS THAT WHAT HE SAID WAS FALSE. I REQUESTED HIM PERSONALLY TO APOLOGIZE. HE HAS NOT BEEN MAN ENOUGH TO DO IT."

EARLIER TODAY BISHOP OXNAM CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO FIGHT "THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY."

HE TOLD AN INTERFAITH MEETING ARRANGED BY THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF NEARBY LONG BEACH:

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS A CONSPIRACY. CONSPIRATORS OUGHT TO BE DISCOVERED, TRIED IN DUE PROCESS AND, IF FOUND GUILTY, PUNISHED. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO FACE UP TO THE ISSUE AND GIVE THE NATION A CONSTRUCTIVE ANSWER IN TERMS OF A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE."

HE SAID IT SHOULD WORK "UNDER RULES THAT EXPRESS THE AMERICAN TRADITION AND CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURING THE INFORMATION NECESSARY UPON WHICH TO BASE SOUND LEGISLATION."

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NY FOR BUFFALO (320)

LOS ANGELES, DEC. 18 (AP)-BISHOP G.BROMLEY OXNAM SAYS "WE ARE GETTING TO THE PLACE WHERE SOME PEOPLE LABEL SUBVERSIVE ALL THE REFORMS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN."

"WHEN YOU GET TO THE PLACE WHERE SOUND REFORMS BECOME 'SUBVERSIVE' YOU ARE PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS," HE ADDED DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH YESTERDAY.

THE METHODIST BISHOP IS HERE TO GIVE AN ADDRESS AT THE CHURCH TONIGHT ON "CONTEMPORARY THREATS TO CIVL LIBERTIES." HIS APPAERANCE IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

"IN MY VIEW THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS A CONSPIRACY," THE BISHOP TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN. "AND I BELIEVE CONSPIRATORS SHOULD BE DISCOVERED, SUBJECTED TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND PUNISHED." HE SAID HE BELIEVES THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IS THE PROPER AGENCY TO HANDLE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACIES AND NOT CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES.

LAST NIGHT IN A MEETING BILLED IN ADVANCE AS "A SIRECT CHALLENGE TO BISHOP OXNAM'S CONCEPT OF CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL ACTION," DR.CARL MCINTIRE, COLLINGSWOOD,N.J., PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, TOOK ISSUE WITH THE METHODIST CLERGYMAN.

DR.MCINTIRE TOLD AN AUDIENCE OF 500 IN HOLLYWOOD LEGION STADIUM THAT "THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST FOR A SINGLE MAN WHO PREACHES MARXISM." HE SAID CHRISTIANS SHOULD WITHDRAWL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DENOMINATIONS IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRUCHES WHICH BISHOP OXNAM REPRESENTS.

"COMMUNISM," DR. MCINTIRE SAID, "DOES NOT COME INTO THE CHURCHES IN THE NAME OF ATHEISM. IT COMES WRAPPED IN PIOUS PIOUS PHRASES AS THE CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RACIAL BROTHERHOOD, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY AND A WORLD PEACE COUNCIL."

WHEN REPORTERS ASKED BISHOP OXNAM IF HE CARED TO COMMENT ON DR. MCINTIRE'S APPEARANCE, THE BISHOP SAID: "I DON'T KNOW MR.MCINTIRE, ALTHOUGH I THINK I SAW HIM ONCE. BUT IF HE WILL PUBLISH AN AUDITED STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CURCHES AND OF THE ICCC I WILL BE GLAD TO TALK ABOUT HIM. THE BUDGETS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHESARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND AVILABLE FOR ANYONE TO EXAMINE."

BISHOP OXNAM SAID THE NCC REPRESENTS 30 MILLION PROTESTANTS, THE ICCC ABOUT 170,000.

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A66KX

CONDON - RADIO (250)

RICHMOND, CALIF., DEC. 18 (AP)-REP. ROBERT L. CONDON (D.-CALIF) SAID TODAY HE HAD TELEGRAPHED THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, PROTESTING WHAT HE SAID WAS REFUSAL OF KGO-TV IN SAN FRANCISCO TO GIVE HIM TIME TO ANSWER CHARGES MADE AT THE RECENT HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HEARING.

JAMES CONNOLLY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY IN SAN FRANCISCO, SAID IT HAD NOT AGREED TO SELLCONDON TIME, AND HIS SUBMITTED SCRIPT "WAS 90 PER CENT POLITICAL."

"MY NAME WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE IN TESTIMONY WHICH CAUSED UNJUSTIFIED AND COMPLETELY UNWARRANTED REFLECTION UPON MY CHARACTER AND REPUTATION," CONDON WIRED THE FCC.

"THIS TESTIMONY WAS BROADCAST BY RADIO AND REPORTED ON TV. I ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE TIME ON TV FOR A REPLY AND MY OFFICE ENTERED INTO A VERBAL AGTEEMENT WITH KGO-TV FOR A HALF HOUR TIME ON MONDAY, DEC. 21, AT 10:30 P.M. THIS OFFER OF TIME WAS LATER RESCINDED."

CONDON SAID HE "DEMANDED A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER."

CONNOLLY SAID IT WAS TRUE THAT CONDON TRIED TO PURCHASE TIME.

"BUT WE NEVER AGREED TO SELL HIM ANY," CONNOLLY ADDED. "WE TOLD HIM TO SUBMIT HIS SCRIPT AND IT WAS 90 PER CENT POLITICAL AND ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT TELLING WHAT HE WANTED TO BUY TIME FOR. X X X

"WE FEEL NO DIRECT ATTACK WAS MADE ON MR. CONDON AT ALL. WE ONLY PRESENTED THE (VELDE) HARINGS IN A REPORTORIAL JOB."

AT THE SAN FRANCISCO HEARINGS, DAVID BLODGETT, A FORMER REPORTER FOR THE PEOPLES WORLD, TESTIFIED HE SAW CONDON AT A CLOSED COMMUNIST MEETING IN OAKLAND IN 1943. CONDON DENIED THE CHARGE.

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A184KX (AEC)

LAS VEGAS, NEV., DEC. 18 (AP)-THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SAID TODAY IT HAS NO PLANS FOR NUCLEAR TESTS DURING THIS WINTER OR SPRING AT THE NEARBY NEVADA PROVING GROUND.

THE STATEMENT BY MANAGER SETH R. WOODRUFF OF THE LOCAL AEC FIELD OFFICE WAS IN RESPONSE TO A NEWSMAN'S QUERY.

AFTER LAST SPRING'S SERIES OF 11 TEST EXPLOSIONS THE AEC SAID ONLY THAT THE FINAL SHOT HAD ENDED ANY NEED OF ADDITIONAL TESTS THIS YEAR.

THE FACT THAT NO ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED AT THIS CONTINENTAL TEST SITE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WAS TAKEN BY OBSERVERS HERE AS A HINT THAT A NEW SERIES AT THE MID-PACIFIC PROVING ROUNDS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IS LIKELY.

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BY FRANCIS W. CARPENTER (240)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC 18 (AP)-THE ARAB COUNTRIES TODAY REJECTED A THREE-POWER RESOLUTION OF THE JORDAN RIVER DISPUTE AND INTRODUCED A COUNTER PROPOSAL CALLING ON THE PALESTINE TRUCE OBSERVER TO SEEK AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL.

PAKISTAN ALSO REJECTED THE PROPOSAL BUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS WEEK BY THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

NATIONALIST CHINAT

1953

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NATIONALIST CHINA INDICATED IT DOES NOT LIKE THE RESOLUTION AND WILL ABSTAIN. THE THREE-POWER PROPOSAL WOULD LET THE TRUCE OBSERVER DECIDE WHEN AND IF ISRAEL MIGHT RESUME WATER DIVERSION WORK ON THE JORDAN.

THE ARABS ARE REPORTED TO FEEL THEY CAN MUSTER ENOUGH VOTES IN THE COUNCIL TO PREVENT PASSAGE OF THE THREE POWER PROPOSAL. LEBANON, THE ARAB COUNTRY IN THE COUNCIL, IS COUNTING ON PAKISTAN, NATIONALIST CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION AND COLOMBIA TO VOTE AGAINST THE THREE-POWER PLAN OR ABSTAIN. SEVEN VOTES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS ANY PROPOSAL IN THE COUNCIL. THIS COMBINATION COULD PREVENT ITS PASSAGE.

CHARLES MALIK OF LEBANON PROPOSED IN THE RESOLUTION HE SUBMITTED FOR ALL THE ARAB NATIONS THAT:

1. THE COUNCIL ENDORSE THE CALL OF MAJ.GEN.VAGN BENNIKE, TRUCE SUPERVISOR IN PALESTINE, FOR ISRAEL TO STOP WORK ON A CANAL WHICH SYRIA COMPLAINED WAS DIVERTING WATER FROM THE JORDAN AND WAS GIVING ISRAEL A MILITARY ADVANTAGE. THE CANAL WOULD LEAD FROM THE JORDAN IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE TO A HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT IN ISRAEL.

2. THE COUNCIL DECLARE CONTINUATION OF THE DIVERSIONARY ACTION IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE.

3. THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO ENDEAVOR TO BRING ABOUT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA FOR A SETTLEMENT.

THE COUNCIL CONTINUES DEBATE MONDAY AT 3 P.M. (EST).

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC.18 (AP)-NEW PLEDGES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS HAVE BROUGHT TO $24,048,589 THE AMOUNT TO BE CONTRIBUTED FOR 1954 U.N. TECHNICAL AID TO BACKWARD COUNTRIES, THE BOARD IN CHARGE SAID TONIGHT.

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BULLETIN
PANMUNJOM, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-THE INDIAN COMMAND TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE LONG-STALLED COMMUNIST EXPLANATIONS TO KOREAN WAR PRISONERS WOULD RESUME TOMORROW. BUT ALLIED EFFORTS TO MAKE "COME HOME" TALKS TO 22 AMERICANS. 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS STILL WERE STALLED.
THE COMMUNISTS WERE SCHEDULED TO MAKE EXPLANATIONS TO 250 CHINESE WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION.
APPARENTLY THE INDIAN COMMAND HAD TALKED THE PRISONERS INTO ACCEPTING EXPLANATIONS TO HALF THE INMATES OF A COMPOUND IN A SINGLE DAY.
PREVIOUSLY THE PRISONERS HAD REFUSED TO PERMIT PART OF A COMPOUND TO OUT FOR INTERVIEWS.

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THE REDS HAVE NOT MADE EXPLANATIONS SINCE NOV. 16.
THE DEADLINE FOR THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD IS WEDNESDAY MID-NIGHT. THE U.N. COMMAND REAFFIRMED TODAY THAT IT COULD PERMIT NO EXTENSION OF

NIGHT. THE U.N. COMMAND REAFFIRMED TODAY THAT IT COULD PERMIT NO EXTENSION OF THE EXPLANATIONS PERIOD.
MORE THAN 22,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED. OF THE 2,000 INTERVIEWED, ABOUT 3 PER CENT CHOSE TO GO HOME.
NOT ONE OF 250 SOUTH KOREANS INTERVIEWED BY THE ALLIED SIDE CHOSE TO COME BACK.

A161FX
THE U.N. COMMAND YESTERDAY PLACED IN INDIAN HANDS AN APPEAL TO THE 22 AMERICANS TO WEIGH AS "CRITICAL AND IRREVOCABLE" AND DECISION TO STAY WITH COMMUNISM.
THE U.N. COMMAND ALSO RENEWED ITS REQUEST TODAY FOR INTERVIEWS WITH ANY OF THE PRO-RED CAPTIVES WHO WOULD AGREE. BUT IT WAS TURNED DOWN.
THERE WAS NO APPARENT EXPLANATION FOR THE SUDDEN SHIFT OF ATTITUDE BY ANTI-COMMUNIST POWS ABOUT SPLITTING THEIR COMPOUNDS FOR INTERVIEWS.
AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID NO SPECIAL APPEAL WAS MADE. HE SAID THE INDIAN COMMAND CARRIED THE RED REQUEST AND TERMS FOR EXPLANATIONS TO THE PRISONERS EACH DAY AS MADE. THE REPLY WAS NO EVERY TIME SINCE NOV. 16--UNTIL TODAY.
THE APPEAL TO THE AMERICANS LISTED REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD MAKE A CAREFUL DECISION ABOUT COMING HOME.
DEC. 23 IS THE TRUCE DEADLINE FOR THESE MEN TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO FACE AMERICAN EXPLANATION TEAMS AND DECIDE FOR OR AGAINST RETURNING HOME AFTER KOREAN WAR CAPTIVITY.
AFTER THAT, THEY WILL BE LISTED AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE FOR 30 DAYS, THEN AS DESERTERS. THE EXTRA 30 DAYS -- DURING WHICH ANY OF THE MEN STILL COULD CHOOSE REPATRIATION -- IS CALLED FOR IN THE TRUCE AS TIME IN WHICH A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE MIGHT DEAL WITH SUCH PRISONERS. HOWEVER, NO CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND THE TALKS SEEKING TO ARRANGE ONE ARE IN INDEFINITE RECESS.
MEANWHILE, AN INDIAN COMMAND REPORT INDICATED COMMUNIST CONFIDENCE THAT THE 22 AMERICANS STILL WOULD BE IN THEIR COMPOUND ON DEC. 25. INDIAN OFFICERS SAID THE REDS HAVE DELIVERED A TRUCKLOAD OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT TO THE COMPOUND SO THAT THE MEN MAY HOLD AN ATHLETIC MEET CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON.
LT. GEN. K.S.THIMAYYA, INDIA'S CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION, WAS REPORTED UNDECIDED WHETHER TO DISTRIBUTE THE U.N. COMMAND'S APPEAL DIRECTLY OR TO WAIT UNTIL THE COMMISSION CAN PASS ON IT, PROBABLY MONDAY.
OBSERVERS THOUGHT THE STATEMENT WOULD BE RELAYED BUT WHETHER IT WOULD BE READ BY THE PRISONERS WAS AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.
THE STATEMENT, FIRST SUCH BY THE U.N. COMMAND SINCE THE AMERICANS WERE BROUGHT BY THE REDS TO THE NEUTRAL ZONE SEPT. 26, MADE NO PROMISES. IT ASKED THE MEN TO THINK HARD AND INSURE THAT THEIR DECISION IS MADE FREELY AND NOT UNDER COMMUNIST PRESSURE.
"IF YOU SHOULD DECIDE NOT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, YOU WILL HAVE MADE A MOST FATEFUL DECISION, ONE WHICH WOULD CHANGE RADICALLY THE WHOLE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE," THE STATEMENT READ.

A170KX
"THE DECISION FOR YOU IS MOST CRITICAL AND IRREVOCABLE AND BECAUSE OF THIS WE WOULD WISH TO BE CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES."
IT NOTED THAT "IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TO DICTATE YOUR DECISION OR UNDULY PERSUADE YOU."
THE STATEMENT, COUCHED IN FORMAL TERMS, WAS ONE THE U.N. COMMAND HAD INTENDED TO USE IN OPENING EXPLANATIONS TO THE AMERICANS. BUT THE EXPLANATIONS BROKE UP MORE THAN A WEEK AGO WHEN SOUTH KOREANS BALKING AT REPATRIATION REFUSED TO APPEAR UNLESS ALLOWED TO MAKE "COUNTER-EXPLANATIONS." THE AMERICANS THEN REFUSED TO COME OUT, SAYING IN A STATEMENT THEY SUPPORTED THE SOUTH KOREANS.
NO EXPLANATIONS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY BUT THE U.N. COMMAND WAS EXPECTED TO ASK FOR THEM MONDAY AS HAS BEEN DONE DAILY FOR THE RECORD SINCE THE EXPLANATIONS WERE STALLED.
THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID THE RED SIDE HAS PROMISED TO DELIVER A TON OF SPECIAL FOODS BEFORE CHRISTMAS FOR THE 22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON AND 327 SOUTH KOREANS IN THE COMPOUND.
INDIAN OFFICERS SAID THE U.N. COMMAND ALSO HAS TURNED OVER HUGE QUANTITIES OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS HELD IN ANOTHER COMPOUND AS MEN REFUSING TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM. THE REDS BROKE OFF EXPLANATIONS TO THESE MEN IN MID-NOVEMBER AFTER CONVINCING LESS THAN THREE PER CENT OF THE FIRST 2,000 INTERVIEWED TO GO BACK.
EP146PCS

1953

A271FX
BJT
POW ROUNDUP (540)
BY STAN CARTER
PANMUNJOM, DEC. 19 (AP)-TWENTY-TWO AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS PLANNED A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS BEHIND BARBED WIRE TODAY AS THE U.N. COMMAND MADE A LAST MINUTE APPEAL THAT THEY WEIGH CAREFULLY THEIR DECISION TO STAY WITH THE REDS.
A 12-PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO EACH PRISONER URGED THEM TO BE CERTAIN THEIR REFUSAL TO RETURN HOME WAS NOT AN "IRREVOCABLE" MISTAKE.
COPIES OF THE LETTER WERE SENT TO LT. GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA, INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION WITH A NOTE ASKING THEY BE DELIVERED TO THE 22 AMERICANS IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY.
A SPOKESMAN FOR THIMAYYA INDICATED THE "COME HOME" LETTER WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE FIVE-NATION N.N.R.C. MONDAY, JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE EXPIRATION OF THE 90-DAY PERIOD FOR TRYING TO WOO HOME UNREPATRIATED WAR PRISONERS.
THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE CHANCE THAT F:3-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS WITH THE BALKY AMERICANS WOULD BE ARRANGED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.
THE LETTER ACTUALLY IS A STATEMENT ALLIED EXPLAINERS PLANNED TO USE DURING INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRISONERS.

THE U.N. COMMAND ALSO WAS REPORTED PLANNING LOUDSPEAKER BORADCASTS TO THE PRISONERS BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY DEADLINE.

BOTH PRO-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY MADE PREPARATIONS FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN THEIR BARBED WIRE COMPOUNDS.

THE REDS DELIVERED A TRUCKLOAD OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT TO THE PRO-COMMUNIST NORTH CAMP, ALONG WITH DECORATIONS AND COLORED TISSUE PAPER. HOLIDAY FOOD ALSO HAS BEEN SUPPLIED FOR THE AMERICANS, 1 BRITON AND 327 SOUTH KOREANS IN THE CAMP.

SOME 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS IN THE ANTI-RED SOUTH CAMP WILL GET CHRISTMAS DELICACIES FROM THE U.N. COMMAND. AND THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID IT WOULD DISTRIBUTE GIFTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING SEVERAL PLANELOADS OF FOOD FROM FORMOSA.

THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE 22 AMERICANS MADE NO PROMISES. IT APPEALED TO THEM TO WEIGH THEIR DECISION CAREFULLY BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

1953

A28FX

AFTER WEDNESDAY PRISONERS WHO HAVE NOT COME HOME WILL BE LISTED AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE. A MONTH LATER THEY AUTOMATICALLY WILL BE CLASSED AS DESERTERS.

"NOW IS THE TIME TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE HUMILIATING THAN TO DISCOVER THAT ONE HAS BEEN A FOOL, USED FOR SOMEONE'S QUESTIONABLE PURPOSES AND THEN LATER TOSSED ASIDE LIKE AN OLD SHOE," THE LETTER DECLARES.

"BE CERTAIN IN YOUR MIND THAT YOU ARE NOT JUST GRIST FOR THE PROPAGANDA MILL."

". . . .A REASONABLE DECISION REQUIRES A THOUGHTFUL EVALUATION OF FAMILY TIES. IF THESE MEAN ANYTHING AT ALL, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THESE, LIKE CAKE, CANNOT BE HAD AND EATEN TOO. YOU CANNOT FORSAKE FAMILY TIES AND HAVE THEM TOO."

THE LETTER WAS THE FIRST DIRECT APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO DID NOT RETURN HOME FROM COMMUNIST PRISON CAMPS LAST SUMMER.

THE U.N. COMMAND CALLED IT A "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE" LISTING SEVEN SUGGESTIONS TO THE AMERICAN CAPTIVES.

THE SEVEN SUGGESTIONS, BRIEFLY:

1. A FREE CHOICE MUST BE BETWEEN "ALTERNATIVES."
2. A FREE CHOICE REQUIRES CORRECT INFORMATION.
3. REMEMBER YOUR FAMILIES.
4. MAKE SURE YOUR DECISION IS FREE OF "COERCION AND DURESS."
5. BE WARY OF "PROMISES OF FUTURE REWARDS. . ."
6. YOU CAN SERVE MANKIND BEST AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE.
7. YOU MUST BE FULLY AWARE OF THE TECHNIQUES OF EDUCATION, PERSUASION AND INDOCTRINATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN BRINGING YOU TO YOUR DECISION.

WHEN THE REPATRIATION COMMISSION MEETS MONDAY IT ALSO WILL TAKE UP A LONG PROTEST FROM 77 PRO-COMMUNIST SOUTH KOREANS WHO WERE NOT INTERVIEWED BEFORE THE BREAKDOWN OF ALLIED EXPLANATIONS.

THE AMERICANS HAVE REFUSED TO ATTEND INTERVIEWS UNTIL THE KOREAN PROTEST IS SETTLED AND THE KOREANS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED. EVEN IF THE DISPUTE WERE IRONED OUT MONDAY THERE WOULD BE ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT FOR ALLIED TEAMS TO TALK WITH 77 SOUTH KOREANS, 22 AMERICANS AND 1 BRITON.

CY109APS NM

A161KX

AMS BUDGET (650)
NIGHT LEAD BATCHELOR
BY JOHN RANDOLPH

1953

TOKYO, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-RASSI, THE DOG, IS DEAD. TAMA, THE CAT, IS AN OLD GRANDMOTHER. YOUNGER SISTER TOSHIKO HAS GROWN UP. SHE IS A PRETTY, YOUNG LADY NOW.

THREE CHRISTMASES HAVE COME AND GONE SINCE BOYISH CPL. CLAUDE BATCHELOR, 22, OF KERMIT, TEX., TAUGHT HIS LITTLE JAPANESE WAR BRIDE TO SING "THE TENNESSEE WALTZ" AND WENT OFF TO WAR IN KOREA.

IN FIVE DAYS, THE FOURTH CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE.

"CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO RETURN TO TOKYO, NOW," READ A TYPEWRITTEN LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE BRIDE, KYOKO ARAKI.

IT WAS SIGNED BY BATCHELOR, ONE OF 22 AMERICAN SERVICE MEN HELD IN A PANMUNJOM, KOREA, COMPOUND AFTER REFUSING TO QUIT COMMUNISM.

"WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW IS RIGHT AND A STEP TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE FOR MANKIND AS A WHOLE," THE LETTER SAID, "ESPECIALLY FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE WHO NOW HAVE TO UNDERGO CONTINUAL SUFFERING. . .

"I HAVE CHANGED IMMENSELY SINCE I LAST SAW YOU. YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE I WAS THE SAME MAN. I HAVE LEARNED THAT HAPPINESS DOES NOT COME WITH MONEY AS I USED TO BELIEVE BUT THAT IT COMES FROM STRUGGLE BORN OF THE FIGHT FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF MANKIND FROM THE SHACKLES OF WAR AND CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION."

THE LETTER ADVISED HER TO GO TO THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR HELP AND GUIDANCE.

PHRASE BY PHRASE, AN INTERPRETER TURNED THE WORDS INTO SWIFT, STACCATO JAPANESE. WITH EACH NEW SENTENCE, THE LITTLE FIGURE ON THE OFFICE SOFA SEEMED TO CRUMBLE ANEW.

(IN KERMIT, TEX., THE CORPORAL'S MOTHER SAID THE LETTER SOUNDED LIKE SOME SHE HAD RECEIVED.

("IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NO HOPE, DOESN'T IT?" REMARKED MRS. O. L. BATCHELOR, AT THE SAME TIME VOICING SYMPATHY FOR HER SON'S JAPANESE WIFE.)

KOYOKO RECEIVED THE LETTER IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE. ASSOCIATE PRESS CORRESPONDENTS HAD CARRIED TO PANMUNJOM HER LETTER BEGGING BATCHELOR TO RETURN, THEN BROUGHT BACK THE REPLY.

A162KX

LAST WEEK, MRS. PORTIA HOWE, OF ALDEN, MINN., FLEW INTO TOKYO, HOPEFUL OF SEEING HER SON, PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON, ANOTHER OF THE 22 AMERICANS. DENIED ARMY PERMISSION TO GO ON TO KOREA, MRS. HOWE WROTE TENNESON. HE REPLIED, SAYING HE WAS FIRM IN HIS DECISION TO STAY WITH THE COMMUNISTS. HE RELAYED A REQUEST BY BATCHELOR THAT MRS. HOWE MEET KYODO.

THE MEETING PROMPTED KYOKO TO HOPE BATCHELOR MIGHT RETURN TO HER. YESTERDAY'S LETTER GAVE HER THE ANSWER.

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND," SHE KEPT SAYING.

"HE MAY BE A COMMUNIST NOW. HE'S BEEN IN PRISON CAMP SO LONG BUT IF HE CAME BACK HERE HE'D FORGET IT SOON, VERY SOON."

THEN SHE SMILED QUICKLY, SAID SHE WOULDN'T THINK OF CONTACTING THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY BECAUSE OF HER HATRED FOR COMMUNISM.

"I WRITE HIM (AGAIN)," SHE SAID.

"I WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET HIM BACK. I'LL GO TO THE NEUTRAL ZONE TO SEE HIM. BUT I WON'T GO TO COMMUNIST CHINA."

HIS LETTER HAD HINTED OF PLANS FOR THEIR REUNION SOON IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY.

KYODO BORROWED A FOUNTAIN PEN AND PAPER, WENT OVER TO A STEEL DESK AND STARTED WRITING.

"I FEAR THE HAPPINESS OF US TWO IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FOR GOOD," SHE WROTE "MY DARLING CLAUDE."

"YOU USED TO SING FOR ME TENNESSEE WALTZ," SHE RECALLED.
"I CAN NOW SING IT WELL. OUR CAT, TAMA, IS NOW AN OLD GRANDMOTHER. THE DOG, RASSI, IS DEAD. . .
"PLEASE, MY DARLING, COME BACK TO ME. I WANT TO HEAR YOU AGAIN CHUCKLE SOFTLY WITH YOUR LIPS SLIGHTLY BENT. . .
"YOU MENTIONED 'CIRCUMSTANCES' THAT DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RETRNITE WITH ME RIGHT NOW. WHAT ARE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES? . . . WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK RIGHT NOW AND EXPLAIN TO US FROM YOUR MOUTH YOUR IDEAS? YOU CAN GO FOR YOUR OWN IDEAS LIVING WITH ME. . . I KNOW THAT YOU CAN COME HOME SIMPLY BY TALKING TO AN INDIAN GUARD AND TELLING HIM SO. . .
"MY MOTHER SOBS WHENEVER SHE SPEAKS ABOUT YOU. I TRY TO CALM HER DOWN, TELLING 'HE'LL REUNITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I CANNOT CONTINUE THIS LETTER FOR TEARS NOW GUSH IN MY EYES."
THE IMPRINT OF HER LIPS WAS ON THE ENVELOPE WHEN SHE HANDED IT TO A NEWSMAN FOR RELAY TO PANMUNJOM.
EP1257PCS NM

1953

A38FX (POW)
POW LETTER (450)
BY JIM BECKER
TOKYO, DEC. 19 (AP)-A YOUNG AMERICAN WAR PRISONER WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION AND STAYED WITH THE REDS WROTE HIS JAPANESE WIFE TODAY THAT "I, MYSELF, HAVE THE IDEAS OF A COMMUNIST AND I KNOW THEY ARE RIGHT."
LITTLE KYOKO ARAKI BLINKED BACK THE TEARS AS SHE READ THE LETTER FROM THE TEXAS SOLDIER SHE MARRIED IN 1949--AND WHO SAYS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RETURN TO HER.
CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, 22, OF KERMIT, TEX., ADVISED KYOKO IN A LETTER RELAYED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO GO TO THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND "HAVE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY SAY."
HE SAID HE HOPES THEY WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN SOON.
BATCHELOR IS ONE OF 22 AMERICANS HELD IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE WHO STAYED WITH THE COMMUNISTS. HIS LETTER WAS A REPLY TO ONE KYOKO WROTE HIM TUESDAY. BOTH WERE PASSED BY INDIAN SOLDIERS WHO GUARD THE RELUCTANT PRISONERS.
BATCHELOR IS THE SECOND OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS TO WRITE A LETTER RENOUNCING LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES.
LAST MONDAY PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON WROTE HIS MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE OF ALDEN, MINN., SAYING "I KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU, BUT I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND AND I AM NOT GOING."
MRS. HOWE FLEW TO TOKYO IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEE HER SON AND IS WAITING HER NOW ON THE SLIM CHANCE THAT HE MAY CHANGE HIS MIND.
BATCHELOR'S LETTER BROUGHT SOBS FROM HIS TINY JAPANESE WIFE.
"I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I DON'T UNDERSTAND," SHE SAID. "HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE ME AND HIS FRIENDS AND GO TO THE PLACES WE USED TO GO."
"HE MAY BE A COMMUNIST NOW--HE'S BEEN IN PRISON CAMP SO LONG. BUT IF HE CAME BACK HERE HE WOULD FORGET IT SOON. VERY SOON."
THE LETTER COMBINED THE WORDS OF A LONESOME SOLDIER TO HIS WIFE AND PHRASES OF COMMUNIST DOGMA.
BATCHELOR WROTE THAT HE WAS "HOMESICK FOR THE PARTIES WE ALL USED TO GO ON TOGETHER. AND I ALSO LONG TO STROLL ALONG THE SENZOKU LAKE WITH YOU ONCE MORE. BUT AS I SAID CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT NOW."
"I HAVE LEARNED THAT HAPPINESS DOES NOT COME WITH MONEY AS I USED TO BELIEVE BUT THAT IT COMES FROM A STRUGGLE BORN OUT OF THE FIGHT FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF MANKIND FROM THE SHACKLES OF WARS AND CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION," HE ADDED.
THROUGHOUT THE LONG LETTER, BATCHELOR INTIMATED HE HAD A PLAN TO BE WITH KYOKO AGAIN---POSSIBLY IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY.
"I HAVE PLANS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE ARE TOGETHER AGAIN. SO PLEASE TRY TO BEAR LIFE A LITTLE LONGER AS YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST AND HAVE CONFIDENCE," SAID THE LETTER.
REPEATEDLY HE REFERRED TO THEIR BEING "TOGETHER AGAIN."
"I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY WORRYING FOR FEAR THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THESE MESSAGES. HOWEVER YOU HAVE ONLY TO BUCK UP AND KEEP SMILING FOR WE WILL BE TOGETHER SOON. PERHAPS SOONER THAN YOU THINK."

A39FX
KYOKO SAID SHE WOULD NOT GO TO RED CHINA TO MEET BATCHELOR, OR TO THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR INFORMATION.
"I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET HIM BACK. I'LL GO TO THE NEUTRAL ZONE TO SEE HIM. BUT I WON'T GO TO COMMUNIST CHINA. I HATE COMMUNISM," SHE SCOWLED.
"I SURE WISH YOU COULD MEET SOME OF MY COMRADES HERE, BATCHELOR WROTE." "YOU WILL LIKE THEM ALL WHEN YOU DO GET THE CHANCE.... WE KNOW THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW IS RIGHT AND A STEP TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE FOR MANKIND AS A WHOLE. ESPECIALLY FOR WORKING PEOPLE WHO NOW HAVE TO UNDERGO CONTINUAL SUFFERING....I HAVE CHANGED IMMENSELY SINCE I LAST SAW YOU. YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THAT I WAS THE SAME MAN.
". . . KEEP UP YOUR COURAGE AND KEEP SMILING, FOR THE LONG AWAITED DAY IS NOT FAR OFF."
CY211APS

A191KX
(300) NIGHT LEAD WITH TOKYO BATCHELOR BJT
KERMIT, TEX., DEC. 19 (AP)-A DESPAIRING MOTHER SAID TODAY "IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NO HOPE" THAT HER SON, A PRISONER OF WAR, WILL QUIT THE COMMUNISTS.
MRS. O. L. BATCHELOR USED THE WORDS "NO HOPE" FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOFTLY AND QUESTIONINGLY AS IF SEEKING REASSURANCE. HER VOICE BROKE.
A LETTER FROM CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, 22, TO HIS JAPANESE WIFE IN TOKYO BROUGHT THE WORDS FROM HER. "I MYSELF," HE SAID, "HAVE THE IDEAS OF A COMMUNIST AND I KNOW THEY ARE RIGHT."
LESS THAN A WEEK AGO, MRS. BATCHELOR WAS "WAITING, HOPING AND PRAYING."
THAT WAS MONDAY, HER SON'S 22ND BIRTHDAY AND A "GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR CLAUDE TO DECIDE TO COME HOME. "WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON APPROACHING," MRS. BATCHELOR SAID THEN, "WE FEEL HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE TO MAKE UP HIS MIND THE RIGHT WAY."
BUT BATCHELOR, ONE OF 22 UNREPATRIATED AMERICANS IN KOREA, WROTE HIS WIFE, KYOKO ARAKI, THAT "CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE" FOR HIM TO RETURN.
BATCHELOR ADDED: "I HAVE LEARNED THAT HAPPINESS DOES NOT COME WITH MONEY AS I USED TO BELIEVE BUT THAT IT COMES FROM A STRUGGLE BORN OUT OF THE FIGHT FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF MANKIND FROM THE SHACKLES OF WARS AND CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION."
THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE AFTER A REPORTER READ EXCERPTS FROM THE LETTER TO THE YOUNG CORPORAL'S MOTHER.
"WELL," SHE FINALLY SAID IN A SMALL VOICE THAT STRAINED AND CAUGHT ON THE WORDS, "IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NO HOPE, DOESN'T IT?"
THERE WAS ANOTHER SILENCE. YOU COULD HEAR MRS. BATCHELOR'S BREATHING AND THE POPPING OF THE WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE WIRE.
"I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT," THE REPORTER SAID.
"YES," THE MOTHER SAID.
DID THE LETTER SOUND LIKE THOSE MRS. BATCHELOR HAD RECEIVED FROM HER SON?
IT DID--"ESPECIALLY THE LAST FEW LETTERS WE'VE HAD FROM HIM."
HAD SHE HEARD FROM KYOKO?
"YES, WE'VE HAD SEVERAL LETTERS FROM HER. SHE SEEMS LIKE A SWEET GIRL. AND SHE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL TO HIM ALL OF THIS TIME."

HER VOICE FAILED HER AGAIN.
"I MUST GO NOW," SHE SAID. "THANK YOU SO MUCH. . ."
EP245PCS

A192KX
(180)
TOKYO, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-MRS. PORTIA HOWE, OF ALDEN, MINN., SPENT A QUIET SUNDAY TODAY IN HER LENGTHENING VIGIL OF HOPE THAT HER SON, PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON, WILL QUIT COMMUNISM AND LEAVE HIS PANMUNJOM COMPOUND.
"I HAVE NOT GIVEN UP," SAID THE MOTHER WHO ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO GOT A LETTER FROM HER SON SAYING HE HAD MADE UP HIS MIND TO STAY BEHIND WITH THE 21 OTHER AMERICANS HELD THERE.
"THERE IS NO POWER GREATER THAN GOD'S. MY FAITH IS UNDIMINISHED AND GOD'S WILL BE DONE."
MRS. HOWE, DENIED ARMY PERMISSION TO GO TO KOREA, PLANNED TO STAY ON HERE UNTIL DEC. 23, THE TRUCE DEADLINE FOR EXPLANATIONS AIMED AT PERSUADING SUCH PRISONERS TO RETURN HOME. THEN SHE WILL FLY BACK TO MINNEAPOLIS TO BE WITH HER FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS.
RECENTLY SHE MET THE JAPANESE BRIDE OF CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, OF KERMIT, TEX., ANOTHER OF THE 22 AMERICANS.
YESTERDAY THE BRIDE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BATCHELOR SAYING HE TOO HAD DECIDED AGAINST RETURNING HOME. IN THE LETTER, BATCHELOR ASKED THAT SHE TELL MRS. HOWE "HER SON, RICHARD, IS DOING JUST FINE."
EP250PCS

A5KX
CHRISTMAS MAIL (320)
BY FORREST EDWARDS
SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-A BROWN BLIZZARD SWEEPS ACROSS KOREA, THREATENING -- BUT NEVER QUITE ABLE -- TO SNOW UNDER THE ARMY POSTAL SYSTEM WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES WRAPPED IN TOUGH BROWN PAPER AND TIED WITH STOUT CORD.
ARMY POST OFFICES ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK WITH TRIPLE AND QUADRUPLE CREWS TO SORT AND DELIVER CHRISTMAS MAIL TO THE TROOPS IN PHENOMENALLY FAST TIME.
AFTER THE THOUSANDS OF MAIL BAGS HIT THE DOCKS AT PUSAN OR THE AIRFIELD AT SEOUL, IT SOMETIMES IS ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS BEFORE THE PACKAGES AND LETTERS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS.
EVEN FOR THOSE MEN IN MOST FORWARD POSITIONS AND OUT OF THE WAY UNITS, IT ALMOST NEVER TAKES MORE THAN THREE DAYS, REPORTS LT. COL. G. R. FAUCETTE, STAFF POSTAL OFFICER FOR EIGHTH ARMY.
(FAUCETTE'S HOME IS AT 610 EAST PRINITY, DURHAM, N.C.)
TWO SHIPS CARRYING CHRISTMAS MAIL ARRIVED AT PUSAN FRIDAY NIGHT.
BY TONIGHT, COLONEL FAUCETTE SAID, EVERY PACKAGE WILL BE AT ITS APO. SOME WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE MEN. OTHERS WILL BE LOADED ON TRUCKS FOR FORWARD UNITS. SOMETIME MONDAY MORNING, AT THE LATEST, THE MAIL WILL BE DOWN TO COMPANY, PLATOON AND SQUAD LEVEL.
"WE BEGAN PLANNING FOR THIS LAST SUMMER AND WE WERE READY FOR IT," FAUCETTE SAID. THE REAL CREDIT GOES TO THE MEN. THEY HAVE DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB AND THEY ARE DUE THE THANKS OF THE TROOPS AND THE FOLKS BACK HOME."
WHAT THE APOS WERE DOING FOR ARMY TROOPS, THE FPOS (FLEET POST OFFICES) WERE DOING FOR THE MARINES AND THE NAVY. TWO MARINE FLYING BOXCARS HAVE BEEN DELIVERING 20,000 TO 25,000 POUNDS OF CHRISTMAS MAIL EVERY NIGHT TO THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION POSTAL UNIT ALONE. THIS WAS FLEET SURFACE MAIL UNLOADED IN JAPANESE PORTS AND AIRLIFTED TO KOREA.
A SHIPLOAD OF CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION WILL ARRIVE AT A KOREAN PORT THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, BE UNLOADED AND ROUTED TO THE DIVISION THAT NIGHT.
AS TO DELIVERY, MARINE PFC. WILLIAM P. ECKL (CQ), 1948 EAST 5TH ST., ST. PAUL, MINN., PROMISED:

"WURE WE'LL GET THE STUFF DELIVERED, IF OUR ACHING BACKS AND OUR ACHING FEET HOLD OUT--THE ONLY REASON I AM NOT COMPLAINING MY HEAD OFF IS BECAUSE EVERY TIME I HAND A GUY A PACKAGE AND A FISTFUL OF LETTERS, HIS GRIN MAKES ME FEEL REAL GOOD."
EP-P313PCS

A41FX
FIRST LEAD POW CHRISTMAS
BY GEORGE A. MCARTHUR
PANMUNJOM, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE 22 AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS WHO CHOSE COMMUNISM PLANNED A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS TODAY WITH A TRUCKLOAD OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT AND A TON OF FOOD CONTRIBUTED BY THE COMMUNISTS AND DELIVERED BY INDIAN GUARD TROOPS.
THE AMERICANS WILL SHARE THEIR HOLIDAY WINDFALL WITH 1 BRITON AND 327 SOUTH KOREANS. THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID.
THE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT INCLUDED SUCH STANDARD ITEMS AS ICE SKATES (24 PAIR), FOOTBALLS AND BOXING GLOVES AND THE SOMEWHAT RARER DISCUS. THESE WERE TURNED OVER TO THE POWS TODAY. THEY PLAN A BIG ATHLETIC MEET CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON AND A PARTY CHRISTMAS NIGHT.
SKATING EVENTS, IF ANY, WILL HAVE TO BE RUN OFF ON A FROZEN RICE PADDY. THERE IS NO POND INSIDE THE COMPOUND.
FOR THE PARTY, THERE ARE SUCH DELICACIES AS CHICKEN, BEEF, FISH, BUTTER, COFFEE, FOUR TYPES OF WINE, BEER, FRUIT, NUTS, CANDY AND EGGS. THE POWS ALSO WILL GET THEIR REGULAR RATIONS THAT DAY.
THERE IS COLORED TISSUE PAPER, TOO--FOR DECORATIONS.
CHRISTMAS MAIL INCLUDING PACKAGES FROM HOME WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE AMERICANS "PROVIDING THE PRISONER IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IT." BUT IT MUST BE SCREENED FIRST BY THE NEUTRAL INDIAN COMMAND TO WEED OUT ANYTHING CONTROVERSIAL. THE AMERICANS WANT IT THAT WAY.
SNOW GLISTENS ON THE HILLS OF KOREA. IT'S GOING TO BE A WHITE CHRISTMAS FOR THE AMERICAN PRISONERS BUT NOT EXACTLY LIKE THE ONES THEY USED TO KNOW.
ASA27FX

AP1FX
BULLETIN
SEOUL, DEC. 20 (AP)-TWO UNIDENTIFIED PLANES WHICH CROSSED THE KOREAN BATTLE LINE INTO SOUTH KOREA FROM NORTH KOREA TODAY TOUCHED OFF THE FIRST AIR RAID ALERT IN SEOUL SINCE THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.
A 5TH AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID ALLIED AIR DEFENSE RADAR "PICKED UP TWO UNIDENTIFIED TRACKS HEADING SOUTH FROM NOTH KOREA NEAR THE CENTER OF THE FRONT. THEY CROSSED THE (BATTLE) LINE AND CONTINUED SOUTH."
FOUR ALLIED JETS, ALREADY IN THE AIR, WERE DIRECTED INTO POSITION TO INTERCEPT THE UNIDENTIFIED PLANES, THE AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AP3FX
FOUR OTHER ALLIED JETS WERE "SCRAMBLED" INTO THE AIR AND HEADED FOR THE AREA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.
THE ALERT IN THE SEOUL AREA WAS SOUNDED AT 4 P.M. (2 A.M. EST) AND THE ALL CLEAR SOUNDED 32 MINUTES LATER.
THE AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "FROM RADAR CHARACTERISTICS THE PLANES APPARENTLY WERE CONVENTIONAL (PROPELLER-DRIVEN) CRAFT."
"AFTER BEING ON THIS SIDE OF THE LINE FOR FIVE MINUTES," THE AIR FORCE REPORTED, "BOTH THE TRACKS FADED GOING NORTH."
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THE ALLIED RADAR FIRST PICKED UP THE TRACKS AT 3:52 P.M.
NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY THE ALLIED JETS.
OVERCAST COVERED THE AREA FROM 3,500 FEET UP TO ABOUT 20,000 FEET.
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LONDON, DEC. 19 (AP)-BELGRADE RADIO SAID TODAY THE INDICTMENT OF FORMER SOVIET POLICE CHIEF LAVRENTY BERIA "ANTICIPATES A TRIAL SIMILAR TO THOSE BIG MOSCOW TRIALS WHICH STALIN STAGED IN 1933 AND 1939."
THE BROADCAST QUOTED AN ARTICLE IN THE OFFICIAL BELGRADE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER BORBA.
"THE BERIA EPISODE FALLS AT A TIME WHEN THE SOVIET SYSTEM IS UNDERGOING A PROFOUND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CRISIS, WHEN IT FINDS ITSELF IN A BLIND ALLEY, TORN BETWEEN HUGE INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS AND EXTERNAL FAILURES," BORBA SAID.
"WHAT RECALLS THE PRE-WAR TRIALS IN MOSCOW, WHAT IS COMMON HERE, IS THE USE OF SIMILAR METHODS OF TRUMPING UP OF CHARGES, AS FOR INSTANCE THAT BERIA WAS A FOREIGN AGENT FOR 34 YEARS AND INTENDED TO RE-INTRODUCE CAPITALISM.
"IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE THAT ANYONE IN THE U.S.S.R. COULD GIVE CREDIT TO SUCH CHARGES...."
ALSO CHARACTERISTIC, SAID BORBA, IS THE FACT THAT BERIA IS TO BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA UNDER THE LAW OF 1934 WHICH STALIN INTRODUCED "TO SERVE HIM IN EFFICACIOUS SQUARING OF ACCOUNTS WITH THE OPPOSITION."
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A122
BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION LIVING ABROAD WILL BE PERMITTED TO WITHDRAW THE EQUIVALENT OF 500 MARKS ($119) A MONTH IN RESTITUTION PAYMENTS FROM GERMANY.
UNTIL NOW, PAYMENTS TO VICTIMS LIVING OUTSIDE WEST GERMANY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN BLOCKED ACCOUNTS. UNDER THE NEW REGULATION, NAZI VICTIMS WILL BE PAID IN THE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE LIVING.
WEST GERMANY AGREED LAST YEAR TO PAY FOUR BILLION MARKS (952 MILLION DOLLARS) TO SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS, MOSTLY JEWS, PERSECUTED BY THE NAZIS. INDIVIDUAL COMPENSATION IS BEING PAID FOR THE LOSS OF PROPERTY AND OTHER INJURY SUFFERED UNDER THE NAZIS. LOSS OF LIFE IS COMPENSATED BY PENSIONS TO SURVIVORS.
THE WITHDRAWAL ORDER APPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS CLEARLY PROVED UNDER GERMAN LAW TO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION.
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BERLIN, DEC. 19 (AP)-A WEST BERLIN AGENCY THAT GATHERS NEWS FROM COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY SAID TODAY A DRUNKEN RUSSIAN OFFICER AT SCHWERIN SHOT AND KILLED THREE OF HIS SOLDIERS AFTER HIS ABUSE OF ONE TOUCHED OFF REBELLION.
THE AGENCY, INFORMATION BUREAU WEST (IWE), SAID THE TROUBLE BROKE OUT IN A TANK BATTALION'S BARRACKS EARLY THIS WEEK. THE OFFICER KNOCKED A SOLDIER DOWN WITH HIS PISTOL BUTT. WHEN THE SOLDIER'S COMRADES RUSHED TO HIS HELP, THE OFFICER OPENED FIRE.
SECRET POLICE PATROLS THREW A CORDON AROUND THE BARRACKS AND EAST GERMAN INFORMANTS HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS, THE AGENCY SAID.
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A139 (180)
FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC. 19 (AP)-A GERMAN WAR VETERAN WHO MAKES $15 A WEEK AS A MECHANIC GAVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TODAY TO FIVE HOSPITALIZED SOLDIERS, FOUR AMERICANS AND A CANADIAN.
OTTO KLINGENBERG, 33, OF FRANKFURT WAS INVITED TO THE U.S. ARMY'S 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE AFTER WRITING A LETTER TO MAJ. GEN. THOMAS W. HERREN, NORTHERN AREA COMMANDER.

"I WAS A SOLDIER IN THE EAST FOR SEVEN YEARS AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS AND HELD PRISONER THERE AND IN SIBERIA THREE MORE YEARS," HE WROTE. "TERRIBLE THINGS I HAD TO EXPERIENCE.
"TODAY I AM A POOR MAN BUT ALSO A FREE MAN AND DO NOT SUFFER FROM HUNGER.
"YOUR SOLDIERS ARE NOW FAR AWAY FROM HOME. HOW WELL WOULD SICK SOLDIERS LIKE TO RECEIVE VISITS FROM THEIR RELATIVES AND HOW MANY TIMES DO THEIR THOUGHTS WANDER BACK HOME TO THEIR LOVED ONES."
HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE TO SHOW "THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE FAR FROM HOME THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN."
KLINGENBERG GAVE GIFTS AND WISHED A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO PVT. ELAM FLEMING, DOUGLASVILLE, GA.; CPL. JOSEPH COX, JUMPING BRANCH, W. VA., SGT. WALTER HILL, ASHLAND, KY., CPL. JAMES BORUK, DALLAS, TEX., AND AIRMAN 1. C. JOSEPH RICHARDS, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE, PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, CANADA. (NO STREET ADDRESSES AVB)
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A119
(250)
HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE U.S. ARMY SAID TODAY A SOLDIER WHO ALLEGEDLY DESERTED TO EAST GERMANY IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME ONE WHO RECENTLY BROKE JAIL IN FRANKFURT.
ARMY HEADQUARTERS HERE IDENTIFIED HIM AS PVT. CLIFFORD F. MURPHY (AGE, ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE) WHO WAS BEING CONFINED ON A CHARGE OF "FRAUDULENT REINLISTMENT."
AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN MURPHY REINLISTED HE WITHHELD THE FACT HE HAD BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY AFTER HIS BACKGROUND HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED. SUCH DISCHARGES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WERE EXTREMELY RARE AND GENERALLY DEALT WITH POLITICAL MATTERS.
"HE SEEMED TO HAVE SOME PURPOSE IN WANTING TO COME BACK INTO THE ARMY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.
LAST NIGHT ADN, THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY SAID AN AMERICAN SOLDIER HAD ENTERED THE SOVIET ZONE AND ASKED ASYLUM. HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS "SOLDIER CLIFFORD MURPHY."
ADN QUOTED HIM: "I HAVE COME TO THE EAST GERMAN REPUBLIC AS I REJECT BEING A SOLDIER ANY LONGER, FOR I KNOW THAT AMERICA IS PLANNING A THIRD WORLD WAR AGAINST RUSSIA."
THE ARMY SPOKESMAN GAVE THIS BACKGROUND RECORD FOR CLIFFORD F. MURPHY:
MURPHY ESCAPED FROM JAIL WHILE HELD ON A FRAUDULENT ENLISTMENT CHARGE BUT WAS RE-CAPTURED BY MILITARY POLICE AT NEARBY HANAU NOV. 5 AND A DESERTION CHARGE WAS ADDED. HE BROKE AWAY AGAIN ON NOV. 13 WHILE IN THE ARMY DISPENSARY IN FRANKFURT.
A GERMAN TAXI DRIVER REPORTED A MAN FITTING MURPHY'S DESCRIPTION HAD ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO A VILLAGE NEAR THE EAST GERMAN BORDER. HE SAID THAT WHEN THEY ARRIVED, THE MAN REFUSED TO PAY HIS FARE. GERMAN POLICE CALLED BY THE DRIVER FAILED TO FIND HIM.
ARMY HEADQUARTERS SAID IT COULD NOT PROVIDE MURPHY'S AGE AND ADDRESS BECAUSE "OUR RECORDS ARE LOCKED UP FOR THE WEEKEND."
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BERLIN, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TODAY ADMITTED SERIOUS SHORTAGES IN NEARLY ALL FIELDS OF PRODUCTION BUT PROMISED TO RAISE THE 1954 OUTPUT BY 25.2 PER CENT OVER THIS YEAR'S LEVEL.
A LIST OF ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN "ABSOLUTELY INSUFFICIENT" SUPPLY, OR HAVE BEEN TURNED OUT IN POOR QUALITY, WAS PUBLISHED BY THE

GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY ADN. IT INCLUDED: FOODSTUFFS, TEXTILES, SHOES, FURNITURE, DIAPERS, SEWING MACHINES, BICYCLES, SHAVING CREAM, REFRIGERATORS, WATCHES.

THE BLAME FOR THE SHORTAGES WAS PINNED ON THE SOVIET ZONE MINISTRIES AND THE STATE-OPERATED TRADE ORGANIZATION. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF NEGLECTING "DEMANDS OF THE POPULATION" AND OF DELAYING THE RELAY OF PRODUCTION ORDERS TO FACTORIES.

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ADVANCE FOR AMS OF SUNDAY, DEC. 20--NOTE DATE

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

(ADVANCE) BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 19 (AP)-MORE THAN 60,000 FORMER NAZIS HAVE BEEN LIVING UNDER FALSE NAMES IN WEST GERMANY SINCE THE WAR. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME THEIR REAL NAMES WITHOUT PUNISHMENT, UNDER AN AMNESTY BILL PARLIAMENT IS EXPECTED TO PASS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

--DASH--

AJACCIO, CORSICA, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE GUARD FOR THE FORMER SULTAN OF MOROCCO HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 70 TO 80 BECAUSE OF REPORTS HE WOULD BE KIDNAPED AND FREED. THE EX-SULTAN, SIDI MOHAMMED BEN YOUSSEF, WAS DEPOSED FROM THE THRONE OF THE NORTH AFRICAN PROTECTORATE BY THE FRENCH LAST AUGUST AND EXILED TO CORSICA.

--DASH--

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 19 (AP)-SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE PART IN A LOW-COST HOUSING SEMINAR HERE JAN. 20-MARCH 5.

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LAGOS, NIGERIA, DEC. 19 (AP)-HYENAS HAVE KILLED MORE THAN 14 PERSONS, MOSTLY CHILDREN, IN NORTHERN NIGERIA DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

--DASH--

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 19 (AP)-EVACUATION OF FRENCH OCCUPATION FORCES FROM THEIR ZONE OF AUSTRIA WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY. BETWEEN 6,000 AND 8,000 FRENCH TROOPS WILL BE EVACUATED, LEAVING ONLY A FEW HUNDRED MILITARY POLICE AS A "SYMBOLICAL OCCUPATION." AUSTRIA, LIKE GERMANY, HAS BEEN UNDER FOUR-POWER OCCUPATION.

--DASH--

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, DEC. 19 (AP)-BRITISH CONSTRUCTION FIRMS WILL BUILD A FIVE MILLION POUND (14 MILLION DOLLAR) "AUSTERITY" FOUR-LANE BRIDGE SPANNING THE TWO-THIRDS OF A MILE ACROSS AUCKLAND'S WAITEMATA HARBOR. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START THE MIDDLE OF 1955.

END ADVANCE FOR AMS SUNDAY, DEC. 20--SENT DEC. 17

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A132 (150)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC.19 (AP)-EVIDENTLY WEARY OF MANY FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS TO REESTABLISH ITS OWN AIR SOVEREIGNTY, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY NOTIFIED THE FOUR-POWER ALLIED COUNCIL THAT FROM NOW ON IT WILL RESUME CONTROL OF AUSTRIA'S AIR SPACE.

THE DECISION DEFIES ALLIED REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT AUSTRIA PRODUCING OR OPERATING AIRCRAFT FOR COMMERCIAL USE. THE WESTERN POWERS, DURING THE PAST YEARS, HAVE SUPPORTED AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THESE RESTRICTIONS, BUT DUE TO STERN RUSSIAN OPPOSITION NO PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED.

EVEN AN ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT THE CONTROL OF FLIGHTS BY AIRCRAFT OF COUNTRIES NOT TAKING PART IN THE OCCUPATION OF AUSTRIA WAS REJECTED BY THE RUSSIANS AT A MEETING OF THE ALLIED COUNCIL EARLIER THIS YEAR.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT ALL OF AUSTRIA'S AIRPORTS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OCCUPATION POWERS, TODAY'S STEP BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT THEREFORE HAS ONLY THEORETICAL CHARACTER.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC 19 (AP)-RADIO BUCHAREST REPORTED TODAY THE DANUBE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

THE COMMISSION, MADE UP OF STATES THROUGH WHICH THE DANUBE FLOWS, SETS SHIPPING RULES FOR THE RIVER. ALL THE MEMBERS EXCEPT YUGOSLAVIA BELONG TO THE KREMLIN-DOMINATED COMINFORM.

THE GROUP FIRST MET IN BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, BUT MOVED TO GALATI, ROMANIA, WHEN MARSHAL TITO BROKE WITH THE COMINFORM IN 1948. IT WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING IN BUDAPEST JUNE 8, 1954.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAS LIFTED BUYING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN CONSUMER GOODS AND ORDERED A PRICE REDUCTION IN FOODS, THE PRAGUE NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO REPORTED TODAY.

TEXTILES, SHOES, SOAP, MATCHES AND CONFECTIONARY PRODUCTS CAN NOW BE BOUGHT ON AN UNLIMITED SCALE, WHILE PRICES OF EGGS, CABBAGE, TINNED FISH, IMPORTED FRUIT AND CHEESE ARE BEING REDUCED AN AVERAGE 20 PER CENT, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

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A2 (120)

PRECEDE LONDON DAY

MOSCOW, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE MAGAZINE NEW TIMES CHARGED TODAY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY ARE WAGING A SHAN BATTLE WHILE THE WHITE HOUSE "IS ACTUALLY STRIVING TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES OF MCCARTHYISM."

AN ARTICLE BY M. A. SAGETELYAN IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION SAID THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE TO UNLOAD THE WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN "BECAUSE HONEST PEOPLE ARE WISE TO HIM AND HE IS A LIABILITY TO THE PARTY."

"BUT," HE ADDED, "THE REPUBLICANS CARRY OUT THE SAME WITCHCRAFT AS MCCARTHY DOES WHILE PUBLICLY DENOUNCING THE METHODS HE PROPOSES."

SAGETELYAN DECLARED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING THE MCCARTHY LINE "BY RAISING ANEW THE WITCH HUNT OF ANTI-COMMUNISM."

HE SAID THE OUSTER OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES FOR VARIOUS REASONS "SHOWS THAT POLICE PERSECUTION IN THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE WITH UNRELENTING FORCE."

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A109 (120)

LONDON, DEC 19 (AP)-A SOVIET COMMENTATOR TODAY ACCUSED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER OF TRYING TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF "MCCARTHYISM WITHOUT MCCARTHY."

MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST EXCERPTS OF AN ARTICLE IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SOVIET MAGAZINE NEW TIMES BY M.A. SAGATELYAN CLAIMING THE REPORTED CONFLICT BETWEEN SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R-WIS) AND THE WHITE HOUSE WAS ONLY A "SHAM."

CRITICISM OF MCCARTHYISM IN WESTERN EUROPE IS PROMPTED ABOVE ALL BY FEAR THAT OPEN APPLICATION OF MCCARTHY'S PRINCIPLES TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE FRAUGHT WITH DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR WASHINGTON'S ALLIES AND PARTNERS," WROTE SAGATELYAN.

"WHILE DISAVOWING IN WORDS MCCARTHY, WHO HAS DISCREDITED HIMSELF, THE REPUBLICANS ACTUALLY CONDUCT MCCARTHY WITCHHUNTS. THEY PUBLICLY CONDEMN THE MCCARTHY METHOD IN DIPLOMACY, BUT IN EFFECT THEY EMPLOY THAT METHOD AT EVERY STEPNAND TURN."

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MOSCOW, DEC. 19 (AP)-RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED TODAY A TASS REPORT OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT THURSDAY. THE DISPATCH DID NOT MENTION CHURCHILL'S SUGGESTION OF SECURITY GUARANTEES TO RUSSIA OR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S IDEA OF A POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH MOSCOW THROUGH HIS PROPOSED ATOMIC POOL.

HOWEVER, TASS DID NOTE CHURCHILL'S REMARK THAT AT BERMUDA HE HAD "LONG SECRET TALKS WITH EISENHOWER." ATTENTION ALSO WAS CALLED TO A REMARK BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE THAT "WE SHOULD GO TO THE BERLIN CONFERENCE (OF THE WESTERN BIG THREE WITH RUSSIA) AS FAR AS POSSIBLE UNTRAMMELED BY ABSOLUTE COMMITMENTS."

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HELSINKI, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TODAY NAMED A FOUR MAN DELEGATION WHHICH IS DUE TO GO TO MOSCOW DEC 27 TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE RUSSIANS ABOUT PAYMENT IN GOLD OR WESTERN CURRENCIES FOR FINNISH EXPORTS AND ABOUT A GOLD LOAN.

TRADE MINISTER TEUVO AURA WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL BE PROFESSOR KLAUS WARIS, DIRECTOR OF THE BANK OF FINLAND, EERO WUORI, HEAD OF A FINNISH FOREIGN OFFICE DEPARTMENT, AND GUNNAR PALMROTH, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ECONOMIC-POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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MOSCOW, DEC. 19 (AP)-SOVIET NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TODAY TO REPORTS OF MASS MEETINGS DENOUNCING EX-POLICE BOSS LAVRENTY P.BERIA AND DEMANDING DEATH FOR HIM AND SIX OTHER FORMER OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH PLOTTING AGAINST THE STATE.

THE GOVERNMENT PAPER IZVESTIA SAID THE "BOUNDLESS ANGER OF THE PEOPLE" HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN ANTI-BERIA MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. RUSSIANS EVERYWHERE, IT SAID, ARE DEMANDING "SEVEREST PUNISHMENT OF THE AGENTS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL."

PRAVDA, THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN, CARRIED NEARLY A FULL PAGE OF DENUNCIATIONS OF BERIA. ONE REPORT FROM HIS NATIVE STATE OF GEORGIA SAID, "THE ENTIRE GEORGIAN PEOPLE CURSE THE TRAITOR BERIA AND HIS STOOGES."

THE STATE PROSECUTOR'S INDICTMENT AGAINST THE FORMER KREMLIN OFFICIAL AND THE OTHER DEFENDANTS WAS PUBLISHED THURSDAY BUT NO DATE FOR A TRIAL WAS ANNOUNCED. THE LAW THEY ARE BEING TRIED UNDER CALLS FOR DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD IN CASE OF CONVICTION.

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MOSCOW, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-THE ENTIRE MOSCOW PRESS TODAY PUBLISHED REPORTS OF MASS MEETINGS DEMANDING DEATH FOR EX-POLICE BOSS LAVRENTY P. BERIA AND SIX HENCHMEN CHARGED WITH TREASON AND OTHER CRIMES.

IT WAS THE SECONDDAY OF SUCH DENUNCIATIONS. IZVESTIA AND PRAVDA CARRIED THE FIRST PRESS REPORTS YESTERDAY.

PRAVDA TODAY PUBLISHED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL DECLARING THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADOPTED DECISIONS PREVENTING A RECURRENCE OF BERIA-TYPE PLOTS.

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UNDATED RUSSIAN (1,200)

(EDITOR'S NOTE---WILIAM L. RYAN, AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST, IS BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER A THREE-MONTH TOUR OF DUTY AS AN AP CORRESPONDENT IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE TALKED WITH SOME OF THE MEN WHO ARE INFLUENTIAL IN RUSSIA---AND HE TALKED ALSO WITH SCORES OF EVERYDAY RUSSIANS IN EIGHT OF THE REPUBLICS OF THE U.S.S.R. THIS IS HIS APPRAISAL OF THE CURRENT SETUP IN THE POST-STALIN GOVERNMENT, AND OF SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE BERIA CASE SPOTLIGHTED BY LAST WEDNESDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BERIA HAD CONFESSED AND BEEN COMMITTED TO TRIAL).

BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

MOSCOW'S HANDLING OF THE BERIA CASE DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THE SWIFT DIMINISHING OF SECRET POLICE POWER IN THE SOVIET UNION AND AT THE SAME TIME A RISE IN POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE SOVIET ARMY.

SUDDENLY AND SURPRISINGLY, THE CASE AGAINST FORMER POLICE BOSS LAVRENTY PAVLOVICH BERIA HAS BEEN DRAGGED FROM ITS OBSCURITY AND HAS BECOME THE SUBJECT FOR INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA.

THIS TREATMENT REINFORCES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE REMAINING SIX RULERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY EMPIRE HAVE BEEN FORCED TOGETHER INTO AN UNEASY COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP WHICH MIGHT BETTER BE CALLED COLLECTIVE SECURITY. THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER SEEMS TO BE THAT OF EQUALS DEALING WITH EQUALS, ALL OF WHOM FACE THE SAME DANGERS AND UNCERTAINTIES

THE IMPRESSION WAS UNANIMOUS UP TO A FEW DAYS AGO AMONG FOREIGN OBSERVERS IN MOSCOW THAT THE PARTY WANTED THE BERIA CASE TO BE FORGOTTEN --THAT SOME DAY THE PARTY WOULD SIMPLY ANNOUNCE BERIA HAD BEEN CONVICTED AND EXECUTED. BUT SOMEBODY OBVIOUSLY OPPOSED SUCH AN IDEA. THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO THE ARMY. RECENTLY AT ONE OF THE STATE AFFAIRS WHICH CALL FOR INNUMERABLE TOASTS, I HEARD MARSHAL GEORGI ZHUKOV EXPRESS HIMSELF IN A WAY WHICH SEEMED TO EXPRESS RESENTMENT WITH THE PARTY AND IMPATIENCE TO HAVE A FINAL CHAPTER WRITTEN IN THE CAREER OF BERIA.

ZHUKOV, POPULAR MILITARY HERO OF WORLD WAR II, HAD BEEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TOASTS. LOOKING GLUM AND SOLEMN --AND OBVIOUSLY DISAPPROVING THE CARRYINGS ON OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY BIG SHOTS PRESENT -- ZHUKOV RECALLED THAT "JUSTICE" HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ONE OF THE TOASTS. HE ANNOUNCED HE WANTED ONLY TO SUPPORT THE TOAST TO JUSTICE.

SHARP-FACED ANASTAS I. MIKOYAN, ONCE MENTOR OF BERIA IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, SNAPPED: "WHAT'S THE MATTER, ZHUKOV? CAN'T YOU THINK UP YOUR OWN TOAST?"

STOLIDLY ZHUKOV INTEONED: "I WISH TO SUPPORT THE TOAST TO JUSTICE."

THE REMOVAL OF BERIA APPARENTLY WENT AGAINST THE WISHES OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE PRESENT SIX MEMBERS OF THE RULING COMMUNIST PARTY HIERARCHY. MIKOYAN, FOR EXAMPLE, IS THE MAN WHO STARTED BERIA ON HIS COMMUNIST PARTY CAREER. IT WAS MIKOYAN WHO SELECTED HIM FOR SPECIAL WORK WITH THE BOLSHEVIKS IN THE DAYS WHEN THEY WERE FIGHTING THE STRONG ANTI-BOLSHEVIKS IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN CAPITAL WHICH NOW IS THE SOVIET UNION'S OIL CENTER.

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THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT RIVALRY STILL EXISTS AMONG THE TOP MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST HIERARCHY, AND THE IMPRESSION ONE TAKES OUT OF MOSCOW IS THAT THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP HOLDS TOGETHER ONLY BECAUSE IT MUST IN THE FACE OF A DEFINITE THREAT.

THE THREAT SEEMS TO COME FROM THE ARMY. AND, IN BERIA, THE ARMY NOW IS GETTING RID OF A MAN IT ACTUALLY CONSIDERED ITS ENEMY. HE WAS THE HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND, WITH HIS OWN PAST PRIVATE POLICE ARMY, INTRUDED UPON THE AUTHORITY AND DIGNITY OF THE REGULAR ARMED

FORCES.

THE DESTRUCTION OF BERIA AND HIS MOST TRUSTED AIDES REDUCES THE POWER OF THE MVD, AND THE LESSENING OF MVD POWER MEANS A WEAKENING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLICE ARM.

THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION TODAY OF THIS WANING MVD INFLUENCE. THE MINISTRY IS BEING PUSHED OUT OF AUTHORITY IN THE VILLAGES AND FARMS AT A SWIFT RATE, AND REPLACED BY A COMBINATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY CADRES AND AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS -- THE LATTER TO GET THE DESPERATELY NEEDED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM TRANSLATED INTO ACTION.

IT IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT THAT BERIA IS ACCUSED OF HAMPERING THE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM. THE NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE SOVIET UNION OF MACHINE TRACTOR SATIONS, WHOSE FUNCTION ON PAPER WAS TO SUPPLY MACHINERY TO COLLECTIV

TRACTOR STATIONS, WHOSE FUNCTION ON PAPER WAS TO SUPPLY MACHINERY TO COLLECTIVE FARMS, HAD IN FACT BEEN TURNED INTO A NETWORK OF BASES FOR THE SECRET POLICE AND A WEAPON OF POLITICAL POWER. GREAT POLITICAL POWER COULD BE WIELDED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH THE LIFE-AND-DEATH AUTHORITY TO DOLE OUT THE MEANS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

WITH THE MVD PUSHED OUT OF THIS IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY, THE ARMY APPEARED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO LINE WITH THE NEW CONSUMER PROGRAM -- IN EFFECT AN ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION OF THE USSR AGAINST THE POSSIBLE ACCIDENT OF WORLD WAR III. THE ARMY CONCEDED THAT THE PROGRAM OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNMENT, UNDER PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV, AND THE PARTY, UNDER N.S. KHRUSHCHEV, WAS A MEANS OF "STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE MIGHT OF THE SOVIET MOTHERLAND."

APPARENTLY, TOO, THE MVD WAS EASED OUT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM WITH THE FALL OF BERIA. THAT HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE DIRECTION OF A GENERAL WITH TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW, VYACHESLAV MALYSHEV, WHO SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT TO A NEW AND MYSTERIOUS "MINISTRY OF MEDIUM INDUSTRY" HAS FADED COMPLETELY FROM PUBLIC VIEW.

NOW THERE APPEARS TO BE A STANDOFF BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE ARMY, A SORT OF UNEASY TRUCE WITH EACH WATCHING THE OTHER CAREFULLY.

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THUS, THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP BEING TALKED ABOUT BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY SINCE THE DEATH OF STALIN IS REAL IN THIS RESPECT:
IT IS A COLLECTIVE OF SIX INDIVIDUALS WHO RULE THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TOGETHER BECAUSE THIS IS NO TIME FOR ANY ONE OF THEM TO ATTEMPT TO EMERGE AS THE DICTATORIAL BOSS.

THESE SIX ARE MALENKOV, KHRUSHCHEV, FOREIGN MINISTER V.M.MOLOTOV, DEFENSE MINISTER NICOLAI BULGANIN, VICE PREMIER LAZAR KAGANOVITCH AND TRADE MINISTER MIKOYAN. THERE ARE THREE OTHERS ON THE PRESIDIUM BUT THEY DO NOT FIGURE AS RULERS. THESE ARE MARSHAL KLEMENTI Y. VOROSHILOV, A FIGUREHEAD WHO WAS A COMRADE-IN-ARMS OF STALIN AND NOW OCCUPIES THE WHOLLY HONORARY POSITION OF PRESIDENT; MIKHAIL SABUROV AND M.G. PERVUKHIN, WHO ARE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS DRAGOONED INTO TOP SPOTS BY THE FORCE OF EVENTS.

THERE IS NO SINGLE BOSS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE NONE WANTS TO OCCUPY THAT UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION AT THIS JUNCTURE.

IT SEEMED LOGICAL UP TO A SHORT TIME AGO TO SUPPOSE THAT THESE RULERS, HAVING SHELVED AND INCARCERATED BERIA, WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO LET THE WHOLE THING PASS GRADUALLY INTO OBLIVION WITHOUT RAKING UP THE WHOLE STORY AGAIN THROUGH A PUBLICIZED (THOUGH NOT PUBLIC) TRIAL. IT HAD BEEN A POPULAR ARREST. NOBODY HAD ANY LOVE FOR THE CHIEF OF THE SECRET POLICE WHO REPRESENTED ALL THE REPRESSIONS OF THE REGIME, THE FORCED LABOR CAMPS, THE DREAD NETWORK OF INFORMERS. THE SOVIET PUBLIC, ACCUSTOMED TO EXTRA-LEGAL ACTS ON THE PART OF ITS GOVERNMENT, DID NOT APPEAR CONCERNED OVER WHAT HAPPENED TO BERIA. IF ANYTHING, THEY WERE RELIEVED ABOUT IT.

SOMEBODY WANTED THE HUMILIATION OF BERIA AND THE MVD TO BE FINALIZED, TO BE BROUGHT HOME DRAMATICALLY TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE. THAT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN THE ARMY.

FOR THE PARTY, THE BERIA CASE IS AWKWARD. BERIA, ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA PUBLISHED IN 1950 AND STILL EMBARRASSINGLY PRESENT IN CURRENT SETS IN THE USSR, "CARRIED OUT GREAT WORK IN DESTROYING THE MENSHEVIK, DASHNAK AND MUSSAVITIST PARTIES" AFTER THE REVOLUTION. BUT LAST WEDNESDAY THEY ACCUSED HIM OF HAVING BEEN AN AGENT OF THOSE GROUPS. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA SAYS HE DEFEATED "THE TROTSKYIST AND OTHER ANTI-PARTY GROUPS WHICH HAD GONE INTO THE ANTI-SOVIET UNDERGROUND AND JOINED WITH THE REMNANTS OF ANTI-SOVIET PARTIES AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES." LAST WEDNESDAY BERIA WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING SERVED THE TROTSKYISTS AND THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA ALSO NOTES THAT BERIA HELD THE RANK OF MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION, FIVE ORDERS OF LENIN, THE ORDER OF SUVOROV, TWO ORDERS OF THE RED BANNER AND SEVEN MEDALS. YET ALL THE TIME HE WAS A TRAITOR IN THE PARTY'S MIDST.

JUST BEFORE I LEFT MOSCOW TUESDAY I HEARD FROM A COMPETENT SOURCE THAT BERIA HAD BEEN MOVED OUT OF LUBIANKA PRISON, THAT ORDINARY LOOKING BUILDING ON DZHERZHINSKY SQUARE WHICH ONCE, IRONICALLY, HELD THE ROSSIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE REMOVAL COULD MEAN ONLY ONE THING. BERIA'S DOOM WAS FINALLY SEALED. HE MAY WELL BE DEAD ALREADY.

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A179 (150)

ISTANBUL, TURKEY, DEC. 19 (AP)-PREMIER VULKO CHERVENKOV OF COMMUNIST BULGARIA TOLD HIS PEOPLE TODAY THEY WERE LUCKY NOT TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY.

BULGARIANS WILL VOTE YES OR NO ON A SINGLE STATE OF CANDIDATES PICKED BY THE COMMUNISTS IN THE FIRST NATIONAL ELECTION SINCE 1949. IN THE 1952 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE COMMUNISTS BRAGGED THEY GOT A 98.7 PER CENT YES VOTE.

CHERVENKOV'S SPEECH, WINDING UP A TWO-MONTH ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WAS BROADCAST REPEATEDLY OVER BULGARIAN RADIO STATIONS.

THE BROADCAST, MONITORED HERE, SAID BULGARIANS WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE "FREE ELECTIONS" WITH "NO CAPITALIST LANDLORDS TO EXERT PRESSURE, NOBODY TO FALSIFY THE RESULTS, NO BRIBES, NO DISCRIMINATION AND NO PROPERTY REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING."

ALSO, CHERVENKOV SAID, THIS IS A NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTION WITH NO PARTIES TO FIGHT ONE ANOTHER. THE COMMUNISTS ARE RUNNING THEIR CANDIDATES UNDER THE COALITION "FATHERLAND FRONT."

COMMUNIST AGENTS, EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR A SMALL GROUP OF VOTERS, MAKE SURE EVERYBODY TURNS OUT.

WW307PES

1953

A38

(220)

NIGHT LEAD ARAB-ISRAELI

JERUSALEM, JORDAN SECTOR, DEC. 19 (AP)--JORDAN PROTESTED TO THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TODAY THAT AN ARAB LEGION MEDICAL OFFICER WAS SHOT DEAD LAST NIGHT WHILE DRIVING ALONG THE SNOW-COVERED ROAD SOUTH OF BETHLEHEM IN JORDAN-HELD TERRITORY.

AN OFFICIAL SOURCE IN BEIRUT SAID LEBANON WILL URGED THE ARAB STATES TO MAKE A JOINT PROTEST TO THE UNITED NATIONS OVER WHAT HE ALLEGED WAS AN ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE LEGION DOCTOR.

IN JORDAN'S CAPITAL, AMMAN, ARAB LEGION HEADQUARTERS DECLARED EVIDENCE FOUND NEAR THE BODY OF THE VICTIM--IDENTIFIED AS CAPT. MANSURA MAAWED--INCLUDED A BOTTLE OF BRANDY STAMPED "MADE IN ISRAEL" AND SEVERAL CARTRIDGE CASES WITH ISRAELI MARKINGS.

MAJ. MOHAMMED IZAQ, ACTING SENIOR JORDANI DELEGATE TO THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION, SAID THE MEDICAL OFFICER WAS HALTED AT A ROADBLOCK OF STONES AND SHOT AT CLOSE RANGE. JORDAN INFORMANTS SAID THE ATTACKERS STRIPPED THE BODY OF BADGES OF RANK, HEAD DRESS AND REGIMENTAL BUTTONS.

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INVESTIGATORS SAID THEY FOLLOWED THE ATTACKERS' TRACKS TO NEAR THE ISRAELI BORDER, BUT THAT AN EARLY MORNING SNOW-FALL OBLITERATED FURTHER TRACES.

THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RECENTLY ISSUED A STRONG REBUKE TO ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK ON THE JORDAN VILLAGE OF KIBYA WHICH COST 53 ARAB LIVES.

ISRAEL COMPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL ACTION--BROUGHT BY THE WESTERN BIG THREE--WAS UNFAIR BECAUSE IT FAILED TO TAKE IN THE WHOLE RANGE OF PALESTINE BORDER INCIDENTS INCLUDING THOSE IN WHICH ISRAELI LIVES WERE LOST.

AS A RESULT OF THE REBUKE, ISRAEL INVOKED THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO FORCE JORDAN INTO TALKS ON THE BORDER SITUATION. JORDAN HAS NOT YET ANSWERED THE SUMMONS.

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1953

A123

JERUSALEM, JORDAN SECTION, DEC. 19 (AP)-A JORDAN SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY AN ARAB LEGION MEDICAL OFFICER WAS SHOT DEAD LAST NIGHT ON THE ROAD SOUTH OF BETHLEHEM WHILE DRIVING HIS CIVILIAN CAR BACK TO HIS CAMP.

MAJ. MOHAMMED IZHAQ, ACTING SENIOR JORDAN DELEGATE TO THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION, SAID THE ATTACKERS LEFT BEHIND THEM AT THE SCENE OF THE AMBUSH A BOTTLE OF BRANDY WITH THE MARK "MADE IN ISRAEL."

IZHAQ ALLEGED THE MEDICAL OFFICER WAS HALTED AT A ROADBLOCK OF STONES AND SHOT AT SHORT RANGE. JORDAN SOURCES SAID THE ATTACKERS MADE OFF WITH THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S BADGES OF RANK, HEAD DRESS AND REGIMENTAL BUTTONS. INVESTIGATORS SAID THEY FOLLOWED THE TRACKS TO NEAR THE ISRAELI BORDER WHERE THEY WERE BAFFLED BY AN EARLY MORNING SNOWFALL.

JORDAN HAS LODGED A PROTEST TO THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

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A35

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL SECTOR, DEC. 19 (AP)-A RARE DECEMBER SNOW BLANKETED THE HOLY CITY TONIGHT.

AFTER A DAY-LONG SNOWFALL COVERED THE CITY'S SEVEN HILLS AND NEW AND OLD BUILDINGS, A BRIGHT FULL MOON BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUDS TO REVEAL THE WHITE-MANTLED SCENE OFTEN PICTURED ON CHRISTMAS CARDS BUT SELDOM SEEN IN FACT.

SNOW IS UNUSUAL IN PALESTINE AND VERY RARE IN DECEMBER. IT IS EXPECTED TO MELT AWAY BY TOMORROW AND A WHITE CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND WAS CONSIDERED HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.

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A89

HONG KONG, DEC. 19 (AP)-FACED WITH A FOOD SHORTAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED MOUNTING THE PAST MONTH IN COMMUNIST CHINA, RED AUTHORITIES IN CANTON HAVE OFFERED WHOPPING SPECIAL BONUSES TO FARMERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOUTH CHINA COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY HAVE RESORTED TO VIOLENT MEANS TO MAKE THE FARMERS, WHO FEAR A WINTER FAMINE, GIVE UP HOARDED STOCKS. THE LOCAL INDEPENDENT CHINESE PRESS IN HONG KONG HAS REPORTED MANY KILLINGS OF AND BY RED CADRE TEAMS SENT INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO SEEK MORE RICE.

THE BONUS IS HANDLED THROUGH THE PEOPLE'S BANK. FARMERS WHO SELL THEIR RICE TO THE GOVERNMENT CAN DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS IN THE BANK AT A SPECIAL MONTHLY INTEREST OF 15 PER CENT FOR THREE MONTHS AND 20 PER CENT IF THE DEPOSIT IS LEFT FOR SIX.

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APW

HONG KONG, DEC. 19 (AP)-TWO SPANISHNUNS, SISTERS BOTH IN FAITH AND BLOOD, ARRIVED AT THIS BRITISH PORT TODAY ABOARD THE NIGELOCK FROM AMOY. THEY WERE FORCED TO LEAVE RED CHINA.

SISTERS EUGEMIA MINGUEZ, 45, AND GENOVEVA MINGUEZ, 43, NATIVES OF BARCENILLA, VALENCIA, WENT TO CHINA IN 1931. THEY WORKED IN A CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE, SCHOOLS, DISPENSARIES AND FINALLY OPERATED A SMALL HOSPITAL IN AMOY WHICH THE COMMUNISTS SEIZED LAST YEAR.

THEY SAID TWO SPANISH NUNS AND ONE PRIEST WERE AT LIBERTY IN AMOY AND ONE PRIEST WAS IN JAIL THERE.

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A190 (150)

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA, DEC. 19 (AP)-A LARGE-SCALE JUNGLE SWEP BY POLICE, BRITISH TROOPS, AND THE HOME GUARDS HAS KILLED OR CAPTURED 31 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS, AND THE OPERATION IS CONTINUING, OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ANTI-RED DRIVE, WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE KUANTAN AREA OF PAHANG STATE, WAS DESCRIBED OFFICIALLY AS "THE MOST SUCCESSFUL JOINT EFFORT EVER CARRIED OUT" WITH THIS OBJECTIVE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID 13 REDS WERE KILLED, 4 MORE ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DIED LATER FROM THEIR WOUNDS, 12 SURRENDERED, AND 2 WERE CAPTURED. AMONG THOSE CAPTURED WERE NINE SENIOR RED OFFICIALS, STATE, DISTRICT, AND BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY. THE DRIVE IS CALLED "IBEX."

FARTHER NORTH, POLICE AND TROOP REINFORCEMENTS WERE BEING RUSHED TO THE MALAYA-THAILAND BORDER TO INTERCEPT A BAND OF 40 COMMUNISTS REPORTED RETREATING AFTER A CLASH WITH THAILAND'S BORDER PATROLS. REPORTS FROM ALOR STAR, IN NORTHERN MALAYA, SAID SEVERAL OF THE RED GUERRILLAS WERE WOUNDED AND THAT THE TAILAND FORCES HAD CAPTURED A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNIST DOCUMENTS. THE BORDER HAD HITHERTO BEEN FREE OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY SINCE LATE IN 1951.

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A8KX
NIGHT LEAD B29 (160)

TOKYO, SUNDAY, DEC.20 (AP)-THE SECOND B29 CRASH IN THE PACIFIC AREA IN THREE DAYS KILLED TWO CREWMEN AND INJURED SIX OTHERS, THREE SERIOUSLY, LAST NIGHT NEAR NAGOYA.

THURSDAY A B29 CRASHED AT GUAM, RIPPING THROUGH A MILITARY HOUSING PROJECT AND KILLING 19 PERSONS.

IN BOTH CASES, THE B29 CRASHED WHILE TRYING TO COME IN FOR ALANDING AFTER DEVELOPING ENGINE TROUBLE.

THE B29 WHICH CRASHED NORTH OF NAGOYA, 170 MILES SOUTHWEST OF TOKYO, WAS A SEARCH AND RESCUE PLANE. WITH ONE OF ITS FOUR ENGINES OUT, THE PILOT TRIED ONCE TO LAND, CIRCLED FOR ANOTHER TRY ONLY TO HAVE ONE WING STRIKE THE GROUND. THE PLANE CART-WHEELED AND EXPLODED.

AN EYEWITNESS AT THE NEARBY MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES FACTORY SAID ONE OF ITS LEFT ENGINES WAS AFIRE AS THE PLANE DESCENDED.

FLAMING WRECKAGE WAS STREWN OVER A WIDE AREA AND FIREMEN BATTLED THE BLAZE FOR THREE HOURS.

NAMES OF THE DEAD AND INJURED WERE WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN.

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B64KX (Q)
(125)
TOKYO, SUNDAY, DEC. 20 (AP)-RED CHINA TODAY ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A FIVE-COUNTY "TIBETAN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT" IN NORTHWEST CHINA "UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA AND THE PEOPLES GOVERNMENT OF A HIGHER LEVEL."
PEIPING RADIO, AS MONITORED HERE, SAID THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS IN THE HAINAN REGION, OF CHINGHAI PROVINCE, THAT MOST OF THE 100,000 INHABITANTS ARE HERDSMEN AND 70 PERCENT ARE TIBETAN. THE REST INCLUDE HANS, MONGOLIANS, KAZAKHS AND SALAS. THE REGION IS JUST SOUTH OF CHINGHAI LAKE.
PEIPING SAID A TIBETAN, TANDOER, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THAT THE DELEGATES SENT A PLED

PEIPING SAID A TIBETAN, TANDOER, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THAT THE DELEGATES SENT A PLEDGE OF LOYALTY TO RED CHINA'S NO. 1 MAN, CHAIRMAN MAO TZE-TUNG.
EP116PCS

1953

B25KX (Q)
APW
TOKYO, DEC. 19 (AP)-LT. GEN. SIR CHARLES F.LOEWEN, COMMANDER OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FAR EAST LAND FORCES, TODAY LEFT BY AIR (CANADIAN AIRWAYS) FOR HIS HOME IN VANCOUVER FOR A VACATION.
LOEWEN, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS IS IN SINGAPORE, REPLACED SIR CHARLES KEIGHTLEY AS BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FAR EAST LAND FORCES COMMANDER SEPT. 15.
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A97FX
TOKYO, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE POPULATION OF TOKYO CLIMBED TO 7,469,538 PERSONS AS OF NOV. 1, KYODO NEWS SERVICE SAID TODAY. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 352,982 OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.
TOKYO STILL IS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST CITY, BEHIND LONDON WITH A POPULATION OF 8,346,137 AND NEW YORK WITH 7,891,957.
CY646APS

A98FX
TOKYO, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE FAR EAST AIR LOGISTIC FORCE PLAYED HOST TO 20,000 JAPANESE AND AMERICAN CHILDREN AT ITS FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY.
THREE AND ONE-HALF TONS OF CANDY WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE YOUNGSTERS.
FUNDS FOR THE PARTY WERE RAISED DURING THE YEAR BY BENEFIT SHOWS, BALL GAMES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.
JL550APS VV

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: LARRY ALLEN, WHO CONTRIBUTES THIS SURVEY OF THE INDOCHINESE WAR AS THE FIGHTING ENTERS ITS EIGHTH YEAR, HAS BEEN REPORTING THE STRUGGLE THROUGH THE JUNGLES AND MOUNTAINS OF THAT KEY ASIAN TERRITORY FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.)
PMS BUDGET
INDOCHINA
BY LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, INDOCHINA.-. DEC. 19 (AP)-THE FRENCH UNION'S STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH REBELS IN INDOCHINA ROUNDED OUT ITS SEVENTH YEAR TODAY WITH STILL NO END IN SIGHT. BUT THE FRENCH ARE HOPEFUL ANOTHER TWO YEARS WILL BRING VICTORY.
THROUGHOUT THE WAR WHICH STARTED DEC. 19, 1946, FRENCH UNION FORCES HAVE KEPT A STRONG GRIP ON THE RED RIVER DELTA IN NORTHERN INDOCHINA AS THE KEY BULWARK AGAINST A POSSIBLE COMMUNIST SWEEP THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA.
BUT THE FRENCH AND THEIR MAIN ALLY, THE INDOCHINESE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, HAVE NOT YET SCORED A DECISIVE VICTORY. NEITHER, HOWEVER, HAS THE VIETMINH, LED BY MOSCOW-TRAINED HO CHI MINH.
ON THIS ANNIVERSARY DAY, REBEL FORCES OCCUPY MOST OV VIET NAM, ONE OF THE THREE FRENCH-ASSOCIATED INDOCHINESE STATES WHICH ALSO INCLUDE LAOS AND CAMBODIA. FRENCH SOURCES SAY HO CHI MINH'S RED CHINESE-TRAINED AND EQUIPPED ARMY IS STRONGER THAN EVER.
AT THE MOMENT ONE OF HIS CRACK DIVISIONS IS THREATENING TO GAIN MORE TERRITORY BY OVERRUNNING THE PRO-FRENCH THAI PEOPLE'S COUNTRY IN NORTHWESTERN INDOCHINA.
FRENCH FORCES EXPECT THE VIETMINH TO ASSAULT THE FORTRESS OF DIEN BIE PHU NEAR THE FRONTIER OF NORTHERN LAOS. IT IS THE LAST BIG BARRIER TO THE VIETMINH IN ALL OF THE THAI COUNTRY.
THE FRENCH HIGH COMMAND REPORTED TODAY THAT 64 VIETMINH SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND 103 CAPTURED TODAY IN MONOR MOP-UPS IN THE RED RIVER DELTA.
THE FRENCH ARE HOPING THAT WITH REINFORCEMENTS FROM OVERSEAS AND THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING VIETNAMESE ARMY THEY CAN DRIVE DEEP INTO THE HEART OF REBEL-HELD AREAS IN THE NEW YEAR AND DELIVER THE FINISHING BLOWS BY THE END OF 1955.
AMERICAN AID, WHICH HAS BEEN AVERAGING A HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN WAR MATERIALS ANNUALLY, IS BEING BOOSTED BY ANOTHER 385 MILLION DOLLARS. WITH THAT, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PAYING ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE WAR'S COST.
AS THE CONFLICT GOES INTO ITS EIGHTH YEAR SUNDAY, A BACKWARD GLANCE SHOWS:
THE FRENCH AND INDOCHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY SPENT AROUND 10 BILLION DOLLARS TO FIGHT IT.
TWO MILLION VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN UPROOTED FROM THEIR HOMES AND FORCED TO FLEE INTO FRENCH-CONTROLED ZONES.
THE VIETMINH--BY FRENCH ESTIMATES--HAVE HAD 240,000 KILLED, 420,000 WOUNDED AND 238,000 CAPTURED.
FRENCH UNION LOSSES HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT 48,000 FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE KILLED, 80,0000 WOUNDED AND 12,000 MISSING.
RUMORS PERSIST THERE MIGHT BE A KOREAN-TYPE TRUCE TO END THE SHOOTING HERE. REBEL LEADER HO CHI MINH RECENTLY SAID HE IS READY TO TALK PEACE IF THE FRENCH ASK IT.
BUT THE FRENCH ARE NOT ASKING FOR IT AND HAVE SAID THEY WOULD DO NOTHING WITHOUT THE ASSENT OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THE REBEL LEADER HAS IGNORED.
HO CHI MINH ALSO HAS SAID THAT UNLESS THE FRENCH ASK TO DISCUSS PEACE, THE WAR WOULD CONTINUE FOR "A LONG, LONG TIME."
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WITH HANOI
LONDON, DEC. 19 (AP)-COMMUNIST CHINA'S TOP PROPAGANDISTS CALLED TODAY FOR AN END TO THE INDOCHINA WAR, NOW ENTERING ITS EIGHTH YEAR.
AN EDITORIAL IN THE PEIPING DAILY WORKER, BROADCAST BY THE COMMUNIST RADIO, SAID THE INDOCHINA STRUGGLE IS THE ONLY CURRENT LARGE SCALE WAR AND ADDED:

FINALIZED, TO BE BROUGHT HOME DRAMATICALLY TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

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"IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO DEMAND AN END TO THE WAR AND STRIVE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE VIET NAM DISPUTE BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION."

THE PEIPING PEOPLE'S DAILY SAID COMMUNIST LEADER HO CHI MINH'S NOV. 26 STATEMENT CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH "GAVE EXPRESSION TO THE ARDENT DESIRE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM AND WON ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL OF PEACE LOVERS IN FRANCE AND ALL THE WORLD."

WW253PES

A51FX

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, DEC. 19 (AP)-NATIONALIST CHINA IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SURPLUS AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS, THE OFFICIAL CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED.

THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT WANTS THREE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF WHEAT AND BARLEY AND TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN SOY BEANS OR WHEAT.

HW307APS NM

A50FX

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, DEC. 19 (AP)-NATIONALIST CHINA HAS APPEALED TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO LET NOTHING DELAY THE RELEASE OF UNREPATRIATED WAR PRISONERS IN KOREA ON JAN. 22.

MESSAGES SENT TO WASHINGTON, U.N. HEADQUARTERX AND THE U.N. COMMANDER IN TOKYO SAID PETITIONS SIGNED BY 1,008,141 PERSONS WOULD FOLLOW BY AIR. THE PETITIONS DEMAND THE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS WHO REFUSE REPATRIATION, AS PROVIDED BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE INSISTED THAT THE PRISONERS REMAIN IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY UNTIL A PEACE CONFERENCE DECIDES THEIR FATE. THE ALLIES HAVE SAID FLATLY THE PRISONERS MUST BE RELEASED ON JAN. 22.

HW306APS

AP13FX

GUAM, DEC. 20 (AP)-A NAVY R4D-8 SEARCH PLANE WITH 10 MEN ABOARD VANISHED TODAY WHILE HUNTING FOR A NAVY WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE PLANE MISSING IN THE AREA NORTH OF HERE WEDNESDAY.

THE NAVY SAID THE R4D, NAVY VERSION OF THE DOUGLAS SKYTRAIN, WAS ONE OF 12 PLANES TAKING PART IN THE SEARCH FOR THE WEATHER PLANE.

LOSS OF THE R4D WAS THE THIRD PLANE MISHAP IN THE GUAM AREA THIS WEEK. AN AIR FORCE B29 BOMBER CRASHED INTO A MILITARY HOUSING AREA WHILE COMING IN FOR AN EMERGENCY LANDING THURSDAY, KILLING 19 PERSONS.

JL416APS NM

A80

TORONTO, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE DAILY STAR IN A NEW DELHI DISPATCH TODAY QUOTED PRIME MINISTER NEHRU OF INDIA AS SAYING THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT CONSIDER UNITED STATES AID AS "A WEAPON AGAINST INDIA."

"MANY IN INDIA," NEHRU IS QUOTED AS SAYING IN AN INTERVIEW," ARE CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES MAY REGARD THIS AS A DEFENSE AGAINST COMMUNISM, PAKISTAN MAY CONSIDER IT A WEAPON AGAINST INDIA."

NEHRU ADDED THAT SUCH MILITARY AID WOULD BE A PROVOCATION TO COMMUNIST CHINA AND TO SOME EXTENT WOULD MEAN ONE OF THE TWO GIANTS WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT IN THE WORLD TODAY HAD SET FOOT ON THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.

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A70

(200)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 19 (AP)-THE ARAB NATIONS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT CALLING FOR THE U.N. PALESTINE TRUCE OBSERVER TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON THE JORDAN RIVER DISPUTE.

THE MOVE COUNTERED AN EARLIER U.S.-BRITISH-FRENCH PROPOSAL TO LET THE OBSERVER, DANISH MAJ.GEN.VAGN BENNIKE, DECIDE WHEN AND IF ISRAEL MIGHT RESUME HER PROJECT FOR DIVERTING WATER FROM THE RIVER. ISRAEL AGREED LAST MONTH TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF A CANAL WHILE THE UNITED NATIONS TOOK UP SYRIA'S COMPLAINT THAT THE WORK VIOLATED THE PALESTINE TRUCE, GIVING ISRAEL A MILITARY ADVANTAGE.

INFORMANTS SAID THE ARAB BLOC, REPRESENTED ON THE 11-NATION COUNCIL BY LEBANON, BELIEVE THEY CAN PREVENT THE THREE-POWER PROPOSAL FROM GETTING THE SEVEN VOTES NEEDED FOR PASSAGE. THEY ARE COUNTING ON LEBANON, PAKISTAN, NATIONALIST CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION AND COLOMBIA TO VOTE AGAINST IT OR ABSTAIN.

NATIONALIST CHINA ALREADY HAS INDICATED IT WILL ABSTAIN ON THE WESTERN PROPOSAL.

THE NEW ARAB RESOLUTION ENDORSES BENNIKE'S CALL FOR ISRAEL TO HALT WORK ON THE CANAL. IT ALSO ASKS THE COUNCIL TO DECLARE THAT CONTINUATION OF THE WORK WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OBSERVER TO TRY WORKING OUT A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ISSUE IS SLATED TO RESUME MONDAY.

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A163WX (BJT)

(540) AMS BUDGET

BIG FOUR

BY JOHN M.HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO JOIN BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN OFFERING SECURITY GUARANTEES TO RUSSIA--PROVIDED THESE ARE PART OF A PACKAGE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION AND A GERMAN PEACE TREATY.

THE PRECISE WAY IN WHICH THE SECURITY ASSURANCES MIGHT BE GIVEN IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS SET FOR DISCUSSION AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS. THEY ARE NOW MEETING IN PARIS TO PREPARE JOINT POSITIONS FOR THE PROPOSED FOUR-POWER SESSION IN BERLIN THAT WOULD INCLUDE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER MOLOTOV.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR HENRI BONNET CONFERRED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY LIVINGSTON MERCHANT FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY ON PROBLEMS OF THE PARIS AND BERLIN MEETINGS.

OFFICIALS HERE SAID THEH PARIS MEETING IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH THE SECURITY QUESTION--ON WHICH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL SPOKE TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT THURSDAY--BUT ALSO AND MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SET OF PROPOSALS FOR GERMAN UNITY AND PEACE WHICH THE RUSSIANS WILL BE CHALLENGED TO ACCEPT. ONE INFORMANT SAID THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT THE WESTERN POWERS MUST HAVE A "POSITIVE APPROACH" TO THE BERLIN MEETING.

THE WEST HAS PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING BEGIN JAN. 4. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET SAID WHETHER THAT DATE IS AGREEABLE.

CHURCHILL INDICATED TO PARLIAMENT THAT HE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN PERSUADING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO ACCEPT HIS IDEAS ABOUT ANTI-AGGRESSION GUARANTEES WHEN THEY MET AT BERMUDA EARLY THIS MONTH WITH FRENCH PREMIER JOSEPH LANIEL. CHURCHILL REFERRED TO HIS MAY 11 SPEECH, IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED ASSURANCES BE OFFERED THE RUSSIANS, AND SAID HE THOUGHT HE HAD IMPRESSED THE OTHER BERMUDA CONFEREES WITH "THE JUSTICE AND ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A COURSE."

OFFICIALS HERE SAID U.S. POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED BY THE BERMUDA MEETING. THEY SAID IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT:

1. RUSSIA MAY HAVE A REAL FEAR ABOUT A REVIVAL OF GERMAN MILITARY POWER.

2. THEREFORE, IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED STEPS FOR ARMING GERMANY IN THE WESTERN CAMP MOSCOW COULD AND PROBABLY SHOULD BE GIVEN GUARANTEES THAT THIS MILITARY STRENGTH WOULD NOT BE AGGRESSIVELY USED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION.

SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES OUTLINED THIS POLICY TO A NEWS CONFERENCE OCT. 6. AT THE SAME TIME HE REJECTED ANY THOUGHT OF A GENERAL TREATY OF NON-AGGRESSION WITH RUSSIA, SAHING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IS IN FACT A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GERMANY IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE U.N. NOR BOUND BY THE CHARTER; ACCORDINGLY SOME SPECIAL ASSURANCES TO RUSSIA WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY COULD REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED.

A164WX

THE RUSSIANS ARE BITTER FOES OF THE PROPOSED REARMAMENT OF WEST GERMANY UNDER THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY TREATY--WHICH FRANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO RATIFY. THE RUSSIANS HAVE MANEUVERED FOR MONTHS TO PREVENT FRENCH RATIFICATION.

ONE IMPORTANT REASON WHY THEY AGREED TO A FOUR POWER FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MAY BE HOPE THAT THE MERE PROSPECT OF EAST-WEST TALKS WOULD GIVE THE RELUCTANT FRENCH FURTHER REASON FOR DELAYING, DESPITE AMERICAN PRESSURE FOR EARLY ACTION.

SOME OF THE BEST INFORMED OFFICIALS HERE DOUBT THAT RUSSIA IS IN FACT VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCES AGAINST WHAT CHURCHILL IS REPORTED TO HAVE CALLED "ANOTHER DOSE OF HITLER." EXPERTS SAY THAT WHAT THE RUSSIANS ARE CLEARLY INTERESTED IN AT THE MOMENT IS AN UNARMED GERMANY.

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A28WX

ARMY STRENGTH (430)

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (AP)-LAST-MINUTE REVISIONS IN THE MILITARY BUDGET TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ARE EXPECTED TO CUT ARMY MANPOWER STRENGTH BACK EVEN FURTHER THAN INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT--TO A LEVEL OF ABOUT 1,165,000 BY JULY 1,1955.

ARMY OFFICIALS HAD ARGUED STRENUOUSLY AGAINST THE ORIGINAL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT REQUEST THAT THEY ATTEMPT TO TRIM DOWN TO ABOUT 1,281,000 MEN BY THEN.

ARMY PERSONNEL EXPERTS HAD AGREED ONLY RELUCTANTLY WITH THE BELIEF OF THE OVERALL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS THAT EVEN THE FIRST PROPOSAL FOR AN APPROXIMATE 10 PERCENT CUT TO ABOUT 1,281,000 SOLDIERS COULD BE MET WITHOUT SERIOUS IMPACT ON TROOP STRENGTH IN CRITICAL AREAS OVERSEAS.

PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE ARMY IS A LITTLE UNDER 1,500,000.

USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES INDICATED TODAY THE FINAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TAKEN TO EISENHOWER CARRIED A CUT WHICH WOULD BE NEARER TO 18 PERCENT. SECRETARY OF THE ARMY STEVENS, ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT THE NEW CUT-BACK, HASTILY REPLIED ONLY THAT "I CAN'T COMMENT AT ALL."

ALTHOUGH EISENHOWER IS REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO THE GENERAL MILITARY BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES THE LOWER ARMY FIGURES, AND THE FIRST PAGES OF THE BULKY DOCUMENT HAS GONE TO THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE TO BE PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS, CHANGES STILL CAN BE MADE AS LATE AS DEC. 28.

IN OTHER YEARS AND UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, SOME OF THE ARMED FORCES HAVE CARRIED THEIR BUDGET EFFORTS TO CONGRESS DURING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON THE ANNUAL MONEY BILLS. WHETHER SECRETARY STEVENS AND ARMY GENERALS WOULD SEEK TO CARRY THEIR CASE BEYOND THE BUDGET-MAKING CHANNELS OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON WAS DOUBTFUL.

A29WX

SPECULATION ON THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED MILITARY SPENDING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING NEXT JULY 1 VARIED FROM ABOUT 38 BILLION DOLLARS TO A LITTLE OVER 41 BILLION. IN THE CURRENT YEAR, THE MILITARY

THE COMMUNIST LED VIETMINH REBELS IN INDOCHINA ROUNDED OUT ITS

IS EXPECTED TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY 43 BILLION.

THE 38 BILLION DOLLAR FIGURE APPROXIMATES WHAT SOME CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LEADERS, FACED WITH DEMANDS FOR ECONOMY AND TAX CUTS, HAVE URGED UPON THE MILITARY. IT ALSO IS DESCRIBED AS REPRESENTING MORE CLOSELY THE AMOUNT WHICH ADMINISTRATION BUDGET EXPERTS CONSIDER FEASIBLE.

A REDUCTION OF 230,000 OR MORE IN THE MANPOWER STRENGTH OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND MARINES DURING THE COMING FISCAL YEAR WOULD REPRESENT A BIG FACTOR IN ANY OVERALL PARING DOWN OF MILITARY SPENDING. PAYROLLS AND THE COST OF FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTALLATIONS REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL CHUNK OF ANY MILITARY BUDGET AND, PENTAGON BUDGET MAKERS CONTEND, AFFORDS THE MOST APPARENT SPOT FOR ANY LARGE SCALE ECONOMIES.

THE AIR FORCE IS THE ONLY SERVICE NOT TAKING A NET LOSS IN MANPOWER UNDER THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. TO PERMIT A BUILD-UP TO ABOUT 127 WINGS (FROM A PRESENT STRENGTH OF ABOUT 109) DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY BELIEVE THE AIR FORCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPAND TO ABOUT 970,000 MEN. PRESENT AIR FORCE STRENGTH IS LITTLE OVER 930,000. THE EVENTUAL, LONG-RANGE GOAL FOR THE AIR FORCE IS 137 WINGS, EACH RANGING IN SIZE FROM ABOUT 30 BOMBERS TO 75 FIGHTERS.

THE NEW BUDGET IS EXPECTED TO REFLECT THE POLICY OF WILSON TO HOLD DOWN ON APPROPRIATIONS OF NEW MONEY FOR THE ARMED FORCES ON THE THEORY THAT ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN "OVER-FINANCED" IN THE PAST. WILSON SAYS THIS MEANS SIMPLY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN MORE MONEY THAN THEY CAN SPEND.

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A158BX (OPTIONAL)

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OPTIONAL LEAD WHITE

BROOKLINE, MASS., DEC. 19 (AP)-NATHAN I. WHITE SAID TONIGHT GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT HIS BROTHER, THE LATE HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ACCUSED W OF BEING A COMMUNIST AGENT, DID NOT PLOT TO HAVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT GIVE RUSSIA PLATES FOR PRINTING GERMAN OCCUPATION CURRENCY.

A STORM OF CONTROVERSY HAS SWIRLED AROUNND WHITE'S NAME SINCE ATTY. GEN. BROWNELL SAID LAST MONTH THAT FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN PROMOTED WHITE IN THE FACE OF FBI WARNINGS THAT WHITE WAS A SOVIET SPY.

WHITE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WHEN RUSSIA GOT THE MONEY PLATES IN 1943-1944. HE DIED IN 1948.

NATHAN WHITE DESCRIBED AS "UNPROVEN AND GROUNDLESS" A CHARGE MADE BY SEN. MUNDT (R-SD) THAT HIS BROTHER PLOTTED TO HAVE THE U. S. GOVERNMENT PROVIDE RUSSIA WITH GERMAN OCCUPATION CURRENCY PLATES.

MUNDT CHARGED THAT THE U.S. DECISION IN WORLD WAR II TO HAND RUSSIA PRINTING PLATES TO PRODUCE HER OWN SUPPLY OF ALLIED OCCUPATION CURRENCY "WAS AT LEAST IN PART, AND PERHAPS PRIMARILY THE RESULT OF PRESSURE ON HIGH OFFICIALS OF OUR TREASURY DEPARTMENT BY A COMMUNIST SPY RING OPERATING WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT."

THE ACCUSATION WAS IN A SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT BY SEN. MUNDT (R-SD) MADE PUBLIC TUESDAY.

THE REPORT CHARGED EVIDENCE "CLEARLY INDICATES THAT . . . A NOTORIOUS COMMUNIST AGENT, HARRY DEXTER WHITE. . ." AIDED THE RUSSIANS IN OBTAINING PRINTING PLATES TO PRODUCE HER OWN SUPPLY OF ALLIED OCCUPATION CURRENCY.

IN A STATEMENT, NATHAN WHITE DECLARED "THE WILD CHARGE MADE IN THIS MATTER BY SEN. MUNDT IS ONLY ONE MORE IN A SERIES OF UNPROVEN AND GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS RAMPANT IN THE PRESS AND OVER THE AIR BY OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL SEEKERS 'OF THE TRUTH.'"

"AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE TRANSFER OF THE PLANTES TO SOVIET RUSSIA," HE SAID, "WAS MADE BY THE COMBINED SENATE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS, BANKING AND CURRENCY, AND ARMED SERVICES IN JUNE.

1947.

"TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN FROM TOP OFFICIALS OF THE TREASURY, STATE AND WAR DEPARTMENTS. THEIR TESTIMONY AND ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS APPEAR IN A 700 PAGE REPORT ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE IN 1947 ENTITLED 'OCCUPATION CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS.'. . . .

"HOW ANYONE READING THE PERTINENT TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENTS IN THIS REPORT CAN COME TO THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY SEN. MUNDT, WHO SAT AS A ONE-MAN SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE HEARINGS HE CONDUCTED LAST OCTOBER, IS BEYONG COMPREHENSION."

WHITE'S STATEMENT SAID THE CURRENCY QUESTION FIRST CAME UP EARLY IN THE WAR AND ". . . WAS FIRST MENTIONED IN A COMMUNICATION BY AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA AVERILL HARRIMAN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DATED FEB. 15, 1944.

"THE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS IN THIS COMMUNICATION ARE:

"'SIXTH. THE COMMISSARIAT FOR FINANCE FURTHER CONSIDERS THAT IN PREPARING THE CURRENCY IT WOULD BE MORE CORRECT TO PRINT A PART OF IT IN THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER THAT A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF CURRENCY MAY BE GUARANTEED TO THE RED ARMY.

"'SEVENTH. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO FURNISH THE COMMISSARIAT FOR FINANCE, IN ORDER THAT THE M-MARKS MAY BE OF IDENTICAL DESIGN, WITH PLATES OF ALL DENOMINATIONS, A LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS, AND MODELS OF PAPER AND COLORS FOR PRINTING M-MARKS WHEN THE NECESSITY ARRIVES.'"

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NATHAN WHITE'S STATEMENT QUOTED A MEMORANDUM WHICH HE SAID WAS FROM GOVERNMENT FILES ABOUT A CONFERENCE BETWEEN RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR GROMYKO, D.W.BELL AND HARRY WHITE OF THE TREASURY, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THE MEMORANDUM TOLD OF THE RUSSIAN'S DEMAND "FOR EXACTLY WHAT WAS ORDERED. . ." SO FAR AS THE CURRENCY PLAN WAS CONCERNED.

"'AFTER THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES LEFT THE ROOM,'" THE MEMORANDUM STATED, "THE OTHERS PRESENT REMAINED AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION. MR. WHITE (HARRY DEXTER WHITE) WAS ANYTHING BUT COMPLIMENTARY TO THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION.'"

NATHAN WHITE REFERRED TO ANOTHER TREASURY DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 27, 1944, IN WHICH THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING WAS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PLATES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO THE RUSSIANS. THAT MEMORANDUM READ IN PART:

"THE DECISION. . . . WAS TAKEN ONLY AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION WITHIN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. IN A LETTER OF APRIL 13, 1944, TO THE SECRETARY, GENERAL MARSHALL, ON BEHALF OF THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, SUGGESTED THAT THE MATERIALS REQUESTED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IT."

MUNDT'S REPORT, FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SAID "FOUR IMPORTANT COMMUNIST ACCOMPLICES" WORKED WITH HARRY DEXTER WHITE TO INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ABOUT THE OCCUPATION CURRENCY.

THE REPORT IDENTIFIED THEM AS NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, HAROLD GLASSER AND V.FRANK COE. ALL WERE TREASURY AIDES WHEN RUSSIA GOT THE PLATES.

HARRY DEXTER WHITE, DEAD SINCE 1948, WAS NAMED BY ATTY. GEN. BROWNELL LAST MONTH AS A SOVIET SPY PROMOTED BY FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN DESPITE FBI WARNINGS HE WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE.

THE MUNDT REPORT WAS ATTACKED AS "COMPLETELY FALSE" IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN NEW YORK BY COE WEDNESDAY.

COE ALSO REFERRED TO THE 1947 REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AND SAID IT NAMED SCORES OF PERSONS WHO HAD A PART IN THE DECISION TO GIVE THE PLATES TO RUSSIA.

MUNDT, HE SAID, KNEW OF THE REPORT BUT "CALLED NONE OF THESE WHO MADE THE DECISION."

COE ADDED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD MUNDT UNDER OATH THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DECISION, "ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT MENTION IT" IN THE REPORT.

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ADVANCE FOR AMS SUNDAY DEC.20)

(1,200) NIXON-ASIA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE AUTHOR OF THIS STORY, AP STAFF WRITER RUSSELL BRINES, WAS ONE OF THREE NEWSMEN ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT NIXON ON HIS FACT-FINDING TOUR OF ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. BRINES, FORMER AP BUREAU CHIEF IN TOKYO AND VETERAN OF 17 YEARS' REPORTING IN THE PACIFIC AND FAR EAST, RETURNED TO THE ORIENT FOR THIS TRIP AFTER A TWO YEARS' ABSENCE).

BY RUSSELL BRINES

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (AP)-VICE PRESIDENT NIXON CAME BACK FROM ASIA WITH A PRIZE ELECTION YEAR HEADACHE FOR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

NIXON FOUND, ON HIS 45,000 MILE WORLD TOUR, THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY HAVE TO SPEND MORE MONEY AND TAKE A STRONGER HAND IN ASIAN AFFAIRS TO PREVENT FURTHER COMMUNIST GAINS.

THIS IS SAD NEWS FOR AN ADMINISTRATION TRYING TO PARE EXPENDITURES BEFORE NEXT NOVEMBER'S IMPORTANT CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.

BUT NIXON BROUGHT WORD, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A FAR-REACHING DECISION MAY HAVE TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO SAVE INDO-CHINA, GATEWAY TO RICH SOUTHEAST ASIA -- THE REALLY IMPORTANT GOAL OF COMMUNIST MILITARY AGGRESSION IN ASIA.

THE CHOICE, WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE NEXT NOVEMBER, IS THIS: WHETHER TO GO ALL-OUT IN BACKING THE FRENCH, WITH MORE ARMS AND POSSIBLY EVEN MILITARY FORCES, IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR BITTER SEVEN YEARS' WAR OR WHETHER TO SUPPORT GROWING PARIS DEMANDS FOR A KOREAN-STYLE NEGOTIATED TRUCE. THIS WOULD RISK LOSING THE PENINSULA POLITICALLY TO THE COMMUNISTS.

A SECOND BASIC DECISION MAY HAVE TO BE MADE NEXT YEAR. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER TO ADD VITAL PAKISTAN TO THE ARMED POWERS LINKED TO THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH A NEW MILITARY AID PROGRAM, OR TO BOW TO VIOLENT OBJECTIONS RAISED BY INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER JAWAHAWAL NEHRU. EITHER CHOICE MEANS A CHANGE OF POLICY.

THE ADMINISTRATION PROBABLY FACES CRITICISM NO MATTER WHAT IT DOES ON THESE PROBLEMS, AND PARTICULARLY IF IT DOES NOTHING.

NIXON FURTHER SAW THE NEED FOR A COMPLETE REVIEW AND STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN ASIATIC POLICY.

THE TRUTH IS THAT AFTER THOUSANDS OF LIVES AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THE ALLIED POWERS HAVE ERECTED, IN MANY PARTS OF ASIA, ONLY A HOUSE OF CARDS THAT THE COMMUNISTS CAN BLOW DOWN ALMOST AT WILL.

POLITICALLY, THERE IS NO OVERALL LEADERSHIP. FREE ASIA IS IN DANGER OF SPLITTING INTO QUARRELLING FRAGMENTS, RIPE FOR COMMUNIST PLUCKING. THE UNITED STATES HAS CONVINCED LESS THAN HALF OF FREE ASIA'S BEWILDERED PEOPLE OF THE NEED TO FIGHT COMMUNISM.

PATCHWORK PLANNING HAS BROUGHT TEMPORARY ECONOMIC STABILITY THAT IS DAZZLING IN THE BOOM TOWNS OF TOKYO AND MANILA. BUT IT RESTS MAINLY UPON AMERICAN DOLLAR EXPENDITURES, AND THE BOOM WILL COLLAPSE WHEN THEY END.

NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD SOLVING THE GREAT FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF ASIA -- JAPAN'S GROWING, CROWDED POPULATION; SOUTH KOREA'S INABILITY TO SUPPORT ITSELF; INDIA'S VAST NEED FOR MODERNIZATION.

AND THE BIGGEST QUESTION OF ALL REMAINS UNANSWERED: "CAN FREE ASIA EXIST ALONGSIDE A POWERFUL, AGGRESSIVE RED CHINA?"

A132WX

ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS NOW ARE PROFITING FROM THE FIGHTING LULL TO TIGHTEN THEIR INTERNAL CONTROL AND STRENGTHEN

THEIR ARMIES FOR THE NEXT STEP IN A TIMELESS BLUEPRINT OF CONQUEST.
THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED ANY SORT OF "LESSON" BY THEIR MAULING IN KOREA.
INSTEAD, TIME IS NARROWING THE CHOICE BETWEEN TWO POLITICALLY EXPLOSIVE ALTERNATIVES:

1. TO GIVE UP PIECEMEAL PROTECTION OF ASIA AND TRY SAVING IT BY WARNING PEIPING CLEARLY THAT ITS NEXT ATTACK WILL BRING MILITARY REPRISALS AGAINST CHINA.

2. TO ADOPT THE BRITISH-INDIAN HOPE THAT RECOGNIZING THE RED REGIME WILL BLUNT ITS AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS.

FREE ASIA HAS BEEN DRIFTING DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THIS UNCERTAINTY.

THERE HAVE BEEN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS -- THE LEFTIST HUK BALAHAPS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO THE MOUNTAINS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND A NEW REGIME PROMISES INTERNAL REFORMS; BURMA'S GOVERNMENT IS WINNING ITS FIGHT AGAINST FOUR INSURRECTIONS; THE MALAYAN COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN PUSHED INTO THE JUNGLE.

BUT THESE SUBVERSIVE FORCES CAN ARISE AGAIN IF PEIPING WILLS IT. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY, IF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS MARCH ONCE MORE.

MILITARY POWER ALONE WILL NOT SAVE ASIA, BUT THE FREE NATIONS CANNOT BE SAVED UNLESS RED CHINA, AN IMPERIALIST NATION IN HER OWN RIGHT, IS CURBED OR THWARTED.

THE ONLY THING APPROACHING A GUARANTEED PEACE ALONG THE VAST AND POPULOUS STRETCH OF THE ASIATIC CONTINENT IS IN KOREA. IT IS UNDERWRITTEN BY A DOUBLE MAGINOT LINE OF HUNDREDS OF UNDERGROUND FORTIFICATIONS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE TRUCE LINE.

GUNS FROM THESE FORTIFICATIONS COMMAND EVERY VALLEY AND ROAD LEADING BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH. THEY ARE BACKED BY MASSED TROOP AND AERIAL STRENGTH. ANY ATTACKING ARMY WOULD SUFFER TERRIFIC LOSSES.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT EITHER SIDE -- OR EVEN SOUTH KOREA'S STUBBORN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE -- WOULD RISK THE COST OF AN ATTACK.

YET, EVEN IN KOREA, NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG PEACE WILL LAST, BECAUSE PEIPING AND MOSCOW ARE MAKING THE DECISIONS. AND NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG UNITED NATIONS TROOPS WILL HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED THERE TO ENFORCE THE PEACE.

ON THE SECOND WARFRONT, INDO-CHINA, THE IMMEDIATE MILITARY PROSPECT IS MORE ENCOURAGING THAN AT ANY TIME IN THIS LONG WAR BETWEEN FRENCH AND ALLIED FORCES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE VIET MINH REBELS OF MOSCOW-TRAINED HO CHI-MINH, ON THE OTHER.

THE NEW FRENCH COMMANDER, GEN. HENRI NAVARRE, HAS BROUGHT REVITALIZED STRATEGY TO LETHARGIC ARMIES. RECENT OFFENSIVE ACTION, POWERED BY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF AMERICAN ARMS, HAS BROUGHT HOPE TO SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS THAT THE VIET MINH CAN BE CRUSHED IN A YEAR. OTHER AMERICANS SAY IT WILL STILL TAKE YEARS AT THE PRESENT RATE.

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IN ANY CASE, A DRIVE TOWARD MILITARY VICTORY WILL BRING THE FRENCH AND THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD UP AGAINST THE PERENNIAL QUESTION: "WHAT WILL RED CHINA DO?"

AT LEAST 10,000 CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE KNOWN TO BE SERVING AS TECHNICIANS AND ADVISERS WITH THE VIET MINH, ALTHOUGH NONE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN ACTION. PEIPING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF HO'S STRATEGY AND VIRTUALLY ALL OF HIS HEAVY SUPPLIES.

NO ONE IN THE FIELD PROFESSES TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, WITH MASSED ARMIES ON THE INDO-CHINA BORDER, WOULD SIT IDLY BY DURING A VIET MINH COLLAPSE, ANY MORE THAN THEY DID IN KOREA.

BENEATH THIS SHADOW, LONG-SIMMERING FRENCH OPPOSITION TO THEIR DISTANT AND HOPELESS WAR IS GROWING RAPIDLY, SPURRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE KOREAN TRUCE. THE PRESENT LANIEL GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED NOW TO CONTINUING THE FIGHT, BUT NO ONE CAN BE SURE WHEN IT WILL CHANGE OR BE CHANGED.

IN KOREA, AN UNCERTAIN PEACE WAS CONCLUDED ALONG A STABLE BATTLE LINE, WITH THE NATIVE STRONG MAN, PRESIDENT RHEE, ON THE SIDE OF THE FREE WORLD. IN INDO-CHINA, THE BATTLE LINE WEAVES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THE DOMINANT POLITICAL PERSONALITY, HO CHI-MINH, IS ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT A NEGOTIATED TRUCE WOULD, IN TIME, HAND THE PENINSULA OVER TO HO THROUGH A POLITICAL VICTORY HE WAS UNABLE TO ACHIEVE MILITARILY.

THIS WOULD EXPOSE ALL OF RICH SOUTHEAST ASIA -- WITH ITS RUBBER, TIN, BAUXITE AND OIL -- TO THE COMMUNISTS. THE FRENCH HAVE SPENT 140,000 CASUALTIES AND SIX BILLION DOLLARS TRYING TO KEEP THEM OUT.

AMERICAN EXPENDITURES ON THE INDO-CHINA CAMPAIGN, AVERAGING HALF A BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, WILL SOAR OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR.

BUT IF WASHINGTON WANTS TO KEEP THE FRENCH FIGHTING, IT WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THIS KEY QUESTION: "HOW FAR WILL THIS COUNTRY GO IN INCREASING SUPPORT, WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IF NECESSARY, IN CASE THE CHINESE COME INTO THE BATTLE?"

END ADVANCE FOR AMS OF SUNDAY DEC.20--SENT DEC.17

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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 5:30 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME TODAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 19

WITH WASHINGTON NIXON-ASIA

(ADVANCE) KARACHI, PAKISTAN, DEC. 19 (AP)-PAKISTAN TOLD RUSSIA TODAY IT IS UP TO PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMED ALI'S GOVERNMENT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE AND ADEQUATE STEPS FOR DEFENSE OF THIS MOSLEM NATION.

J.A. RAHIM, SECRETARY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HANDED THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT REPLY TO A DEMAND FROM MOSCOW DEC. 1 FOR CLARIFICATION OF REPORTS THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. AIR BASES ON HER TERRITORY AND JOIN A MIDDLE EAST MILITARY DEFENSE BLOC.

"IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO TAKE EVERY STEP TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF PAKISTAN AND, IN THE DISCHARGE OF THIS PARAMOUNT DUTY AND ALL OTHER DUTIES THAT FALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT, TO ADOPT AND TAKE SUCH MEASURES AS MAY APPEAR APPROPRIATE AND ADEQUATE," THE PAKISTANI NOTE SAID. "THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISAN DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE TAKING ANY STEP IN HOSTILITY OR UNFRIENDLINESS TO ANY GOVERNMENT OR STATE WITH WHICH, LIKE THE U.S.S.R., IT HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS."

THE NOTE INVITED THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO STATEMENTS BY GOV. GEN. ~~PAKCHI~~ GHULAM MOHAMMED AND THE PRIME MINISTER THAT "THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION OF GRANTING MILITARY BASES IN PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES."

INFORMAL U.S.-PAKISTANI TALKS CONCERNING AMERICAN MILITARY AID, OFFICIALS HERE SAID, HAVE NOT INVOLVED STATIONING OF U.S. ARMED FORCES ON PAKISTANI SOIL.

END ADVANCE FOR USE AT 5:30 P.M. EST TODAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 19

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SANTA PLANE (200)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (AP)-A PLANE CARRYING TWO HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS WAS HELD UP FOR SEVERAL MINUTES ON A TAKEOFF FOR THE FAR EAST TODAY SO THAT TWO SMALL BOYS COULD SEND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO THEIR DADDY.

THE OFFICIALS: ADM.ARTHUR W.RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND WALTER ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE FATHER: KENNETH YOUNG, A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHOM SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ARTHUR DEAN LEFT IN KOREA TO NEGOTIATE ON A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE IN CASE THE REDS WANT TO RESUME THE STALEMATED PRELIMINARY TALKS.

RADFORD AND ROBERTSON HAD SCHEDULED AN 11 A.M.(EST) TAKEOFF IN THEIR

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SPECIAL MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT PLANE FOR TALKS WITH LEADERS IN TOKYO, SEOUL AND TAIPEH, FORMOSA, EN ROUTE TO THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT RAMON MAGSAYSAY OF THE PHILIPPINES ON DEC. 30.

MRS. YOUNG HAD ARRANGED TO HAVE THE PLANE CARRY THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO HER HUSBAND. BUT UNKNOWN IN ADVANCE TO HER AND TO OTHERS, BRADFORD AND ROBERTSON BOARDED THEIR PLANE 15 MINUTES EARLY. WHEN SHE AND HER TWO SONS, STEPHEN, 3, AND TEDDY, 5, ARRIVED WITH THE PACKAGES A FEW MINUTES BEFORE TAKEOFF TIME, SHE FOUND THE PLANE LOADED AND HEADED TOWARD THE RUNWAY.

THE TWO DISAPPOINTED LITTLE BOYS BURST INTO TEARS. A SYMPATHETIC OFFICIAL STEPPED IN. A RADIO CALL TO THE PLANE RESULTED IN ARRANGEMENTS TO DELAY THE TAKEOFF WHILE A TRUCK RUSHED THE PACKAGES ACROSS THE AIRPORT. TWO HAPPY LITTLE BOYS KNEW SANTA CLAUS WOULDN'T DISAPPOINT THEIR FATHER.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (AP)-A NEW RUSSIAN FIGHTER, THE DELTA WING CHERANOVSKY BITSH22, WAS REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE MADE ITS FIRST FLIGHT.

THE TRADE PUBLICATION, AMERICAN AVIATION DAILY, SAID IT LEARNED FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES THAT THE JET HAS A TOP SPEED OF 635 MILES A HOUR, CRUISES AT 530 MILES AN HOUR, CAN CLIMB TO 46,000 FEET, AND CARRIES RADAR WITH A RANGE OF 5,000 FEET.

IT SAID THE PLANE IS 40 FEET LONG, HAS A WING SPAN OF 46 FEET 2 INCHES, AND CARRIES SIX 23-MILLIMETER CANNON.

THE DAILY ADDED THAT IT ALSO HAS LEARNED THAT ABOUT 200 ILYUSHIN I1-28 SWEPT WING LIGHT BOMBERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE RED AIR FORCE UP TO LAST SEPTEMBER. THE BOMBER HAS A TOP SPEED OF 620 MILES AN HOUR AND CARRIES SIX 23-MM CANNON.

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ANNIHILATE COMMUNISM.

ANOTHER INTERVIEW LASTED AN HOUR. THE PRISONER A...

TO CONTINUING THE FIGHT. BUT NO ONE CAN BE SURE WHEN IT WILL CHANGE

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SECOND LEAD PRISONERS (130 UP)

BY STAN CARTER

PANMUNJOM, MONDAY, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION RULED TODAY A 12-PAGE COME HOME APPEAL BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO 22 AMERICANS, 77 SOUTH KOREANS AND A BRITISH MARINE MUST BE CONSIDERED A PART OF EXPLANATIONS AND BE DELIVERED TO THE PRISONERS BY AN EXPLANATION TEAM.

THE RULING CAME AS TIME WAS FAST RUNNING OUT ON THE 90-DAY PERIOD IN WHICH EXPLANATIONS CAN BE MADE. AT MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, THE CHANCE TO TALK THE REPATRIATES BACK HOME EXPIRES UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE COMMUNISTS SUDDENLY RESUMED THEIR EXPLANATION PROGRAM TODAY AND MET WITH A QUIET, ORDERLY GROUP OF 250 CHINESE.

OF THE FIRST 111 INTERVIEWED, 11 DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE. THE OTHERS CHOSE TO REMAIN IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMP.

THE ALLIED EXPLANATION PROGRAM STILL WAS BADLY SNARLED.

LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA OF INDIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE NNRC, SAID THE PRISONERS WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO RECEIVE THE ALLIED 12-PAGE LETTER. HE HAS CONTENDED ALL ALONG THE PRISONERS MUST AGREE TO ATTEND EXPLANATIONS.

WITHOUT DISCLOSING CONTENTS OF THE LETTER, THIMAYYA SAID THE NNRC WILL ASK THE U.N. COMMAND TO DELETE "A COUPLE OF SENTENCES" FROM ITS APPEAL TO THE PRISONERS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE "INACCURATE" AND "UNDIGNIFIED" TO THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING THE LETTER.

THIMAYYA SAID THAT UNDER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, THE NNRC WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE CONTENTS OF THE ALLIED LETTER TO ALLIED CAPTIVES. IT WILL BE UP TO THE U.N. COMMAND TO DECIDE WHEN IT WANTS TO DELIVER THE LETTER, HE SAID.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THE U.N. COMMAND MIGHT ASK PERMISSION FOR ITS EXPLAINERS TO GO RIGHT INTO THE COMPOUNDS WITH THE BALKING PRISONERS TO DELIVER THE LETTER. WITH EXPLANATION TIME PRACTICALLY GONE, IT WAS LIKELY THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY CHANCE THE EXPLAINERS WOULD HAVE TO SEE THE FORMER ALLIED SOLDIERS.

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IN ANOTHER ACTION, THE NNRC DECIDED TO POSTPONE UNTIL 3 P.M. TUESDAY (1 A.M. TUESDAY, EST) ITS CONSIDERATION OF A LONG LIST OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE BALKY 77 SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS.

THE 22 AMERICANS HAVE SAID THEY WILL NOT COME OUT FOR EXPLANATIONS UNTIL THE LIST OF SOUTH KOREAN COMPLAINTS IS HEARD. THE COMPLAINT LIST IS 50 PAGES LONG. IT APPEARED UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD BE ADJUSTED IN TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS ON THE FINAL DAY, WEDNESDAY.

THE COMMUNIST EXPLANATION PROGRAM RESUMED ON A BITTERLY COLD DAY IN PANMUNJOM. INDIAN GUARDS, ALLIED AND RED OFFICERS, CZECH, POLISH, SWISS AND SWEDISH MEMBERS OF THE NNRC STAMPED THEIR FEET TO KEEP WARM OUTSIDE THE EXPLANATION TENTS.

THE TENTS THEMSELVES WERE HEATED.

INDIAN OFFICERS SAID THE TALKS OPENED QUIETLY. PREVIOUSLY PRISONERS HAVE KICKED, SCREAMED AND EVEN TRIED TO ATTACK THE RED OFFICERS.

ONE PRISONER AMONG THE FIRST FIVE TO ENTER EXPLANATION BOOTHS ASKED TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNISTS AFTER LISTENING TO A RED OFFICER FOR 25 MINUTES. THE OTHERS ASKED TO GO TO FORMOSA.

IN ONE OF THE 32 TENTS WHERE EXPLANATIONS WERE CONDUCTED A CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICER TOLD A PRISONER: "YOU ARE JUST A SIMPLE SOLDIER. THEY DECEIVED YOU BECAUSE YOU KNOW NOTHING."

THE PRISONER ANSWERED, "I KNOW NOTHING EXCEPT THAT I WANT TO ANNIHILATE COMMUNISM."

ANOTHER INTERVIEW LASTED AN HOUR. THE PRISONER ASKED THREE TIMES WHICH DOOR LED TO COMMUNISM AND WHICH LED TO THE ALLIES. AFTER WAVERING TWICE, HE WALKED OUT THE DOOR WHICH LED HIM AWAY FROM THE COMMUNISTS AND BACK TO THE ANTI-RED PRISONERS. HE WALKED OUT SMILING.

THE SUDDEN RED DECISION TO RESUME THE EXPLANATIONS STIRRED SPECULATION THAT PERHAPS A WAY MIGHT BE FOUND BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT DEADLINE FOR SIMILAR TALKS TO 22 AMERICANS HELD IN A PRO-RED COMPOUND.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND OFFICERS WERE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE REDS WERE ANGLING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPLANATION DEADLINE BUT SAID THE ALLIES WOULD NOT AGREE TO THIS. A RED REQUEST FOR A MEETING TODAY AT 3 P.M. (1 A.M. MONDAY EST) OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS PRISONER OF WAR MATTERS ADDED TO THIS BELIEF.

MORE THAN A WEEK AGO, THE AMERICANS REFUSED TO COME OUT FOR EXPLANATIONS AND SAID IN A STATEMENT THEY DID SO IN SUPPORT OF A LONG SERIES OF DEMANDS BY PRO-RED SOUTH KOREANS IN THE SAME COMPOUND.

THE 30 PAGES OF SOUTH KOREAN DEMANDS FINALLY HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED AFTER A WEEK'S WORK AND THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION PLANS TO CONSIDER THEM TODAY.

BUT ALLIED SOURCES INSIST THAT RED OFFICERS IN KAESONG ACTUALLY CALL THE SIGNALS IN THE PRO-RED COMPOUND. THESE SOURCES SPECULATE THE REDS, HAVING ARRANGED TO RESUME EXPLANATIONS, ALSO MAY HAVE THE AMERICANS COME OUT AND THEN SAY IN EFFECT:

"LOOK, EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY NOW. LET'S EXTEND THE EXPLANATION PERIOD."

AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF THE U.N. COMMAND AGREEING TO AN EXTENSION.

THE REDS BROKE OFF EXPLANATIONS IN MID-NOVEMBER TO MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS IN THE ANTI-RED COMPOUNDS AFTER PERSUADING LESS THAN THREE PER CENT OF THE FIRST 2,000 INTERVIEWED TO RETURN HOME. AT THE TIME, THE REDS HAD INTERVIEWED HALF OF ONE COMPOUND AND THEN KEEP INSISTING THE OTHER HALF SHOW UP THE NEXT DAY. THE CHINESE IN THAT COMPOUND REFUSED.

YESTERDAY THE REDS SUDDENLY ASKED TO TALK TO 250 CHINESE IN A COMPOUND THAT HAD NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED. THE 250 READILY AGREED EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT THE COMPOUND WOULD BE SPLIT UP. ALWAYS BEFORE, THESE PRISONERS HAD REFUSED TO BE SPLIT UP.

INDIAN CUSTODIAL OFFICERS SAID THEY MADE NO SPECIAL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THESE MEN TO REPORT FOR EXPLANATIONS.

ALLIED EXPLANATIONS WERE BROKEN OFF DED. 12 AFTER THE FIRST 250 SOUTH KOREANS INTERVIEWED HAD CHOSEN TO A MAN TO STAY WITH COMMUNISM. THE REMAING 73 SENT OUT A STATEMENT REFUSING TO EMERGE UNLESS ALLOWED TO MAKE TIME-CONSUMING "COUNTER-EXPLANATIONS."

LATER ONE OF THE 73 WAS REPATRIATED AND SAID MANY IN THE CAMP, INCLUDING SOME OF THE AMERICANS, WERE COWED BY KNIFE-WIELDING LEADERS INTO REFUSING REPATRIATION. ALLIED OFFICERS REGARDED HIS STORY WITH SKEPTICISM. INDIAN CUSTODIAL OFFICERS AND THE REDS SAID IT WASN'T SO.

TWO OF THE AMERICANS, PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON, OF -LDEN, MINN., AND CPL. CLAUDE BATCHELOR, OF KERMIT, TEX., HAVE SENT OUT LETTERS TO RELATIVES RECENTLY SAYING THEY WERE FIRM IN THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO RETURN HOME.

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THE MOTHER OF TENNESON, MRS. PORTIA HOWE, STILL IS WAITING HOPEFULLY IN TOKYO AFTER FLYING THERE ONLY TO BE DENIED PERMISSION TO GO ON TO KOREA. THE ARMY SAID THE DENIAL WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT WOULD SET UP A PRECEDENT WHEREBY THE COMMUNISTS MIGHT ALSO DEMAND THE RIGHT

TO SEND IN RELATIVES OF THE MORE THAN 22,000 ANTI-RED PRISONERS.
TODAY PEIPING RADIO CITED THE TENNESON CASE. THE BROADCAST, MONITORED IN TOKYO, SAID:
"THE VERY FACT THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES DARE NOT ALLOW MRS. HOWE TO SEE HER SON IS PROOF ENOUGH OF THEIR FEAR THAT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF THE POWS BY THE KOREAN AND CHINESE SIDE AND ITS RESPECT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO REPATRIATION MAY BE ONCE MORE FULLY REVEALED THROUGH MRS. HOWE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."
TENNESON'S LETTER TO HIS MOTHER, WHICH SHE MADE PUBLIC, HAD ALSO CHARGED THAT THE U.S. ARMY WOULD NOT DARE LET HER COME TO THE INTERVIEW AND TODAY PEIPING QUOTED THAT PORTION. PEIPING SAID TENNESON SPOKE "FRANKLY AND FREELY LIKE THE TRULY FREE MAN THAT HE IS."
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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 20 (AP)-A GRAYING TEXAS MOTHER GOT ON A BUS TODAY AND CAME TO DALLAS HOPEFUL SOMEONE HERE COULD GET A LAST MESSAGE TO HER SON, ONE OF THE 22 AMERICAN POWS WHO REFUSE REPATRIATION FROM NORTH KOREA.
MRS. J.H.ADAMS OF CORSICANA WALKED INTO RADIO STATION WFAA. AFTER SHE EXPLAINED WHAT SHE WANTED, WFAA STAFF MEMBERS HELPED HER RECORD AN APPEAL THAT HER SON, SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS, "COME BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, AND TO YOUR GOD."
"DEAREST GAYLE: I WANT TO SEND THIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO YOU," SHE SAID IN A VOICE THAT WAS TENSE BUT DID NOT FALTER. "I HAD HOPED AND PRAYED THAT YOU WOULD BE ON YOUR WAY HOME BY NOW.
"IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY SAD CHRISTMAS FOR US UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO COME HOME. YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, SO PLEASE HAVE THAT COURAGE NOW.
"WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH AND ARE PRAYING EVERY DAY THAT YOU HAVE THOUGHT THINGS OVER AND WILL COME BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, AND TO YOUR GOD.
"I LOVE YOU. MOTHER."
THAT WAS ALL. "GAYLE," SHE EXPLAINED, WAS THE FAMILY NICKNAME FOR HER 28-YEAR-OLD SON. WFAA SAID THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. AGREED TO GET THE MESSAGE ON ITS WORLDWIDE CIRCUITS.
MRS. ADAMS KNEW HER MESSAGE WAS IN THE HANDS OF FATE. THERE WAS SPECULATION FROM PANMUNJOM TODAY THAT COMMUNIST POW LEADERS MAY BAR THE 22 AMERICANS FROM READING "COME HOME" LETTERS.
HOWARD, AN ARMY RESERVIST WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR INFANTRY DUTY SHORTLY AFTER KOREAN REDS INVADED SOUTH KOREA IN 1950, HAD "ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT COMING HOME IN HIS LETTERS," HIS MOTHER SAID. THE SOLDIER'S FATHER, A CARPENTER, IS WORKING TEMPORARILY AT HOUSTON NOW.
MRS. ADAMS, WEARING A NEAT BROWN SUIT AND VEILED HAT, TALKED QUIETLY, HER FACE SHOWING THE STRAIN OF RECENT MONTHS. AFTER RECORDING HER MESSAGE, SHE TOOK A BUS BACK TO CORSICANA BECAUSE "I HAVE TO GO TO WORK AT 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT."
XF814PCS NM

A175FX
FOLO DALLAS (A134)
PANMUNJOM, MONDAY, DEC 21-(AP)-THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL OF A CORSICANA, TEX., MOTHER TO HER SON, SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS, ONE OF THE RELUCTANT 22 REFUSING REPATRIATION, BEGGING HIM TO "DO THE RIGHT THING" AND COME BACK TO HIS COUNTRY REACHED PANMUNJOM TODAY.
THE TEXT OF MRS. J. H. ADAMS' LETTER TO HER 28-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS HANDED TO THE INDIAN CUSTODIAN FORCE BY AN ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT. IT HAD BEEN RELAYED FROM TOKYO BY TELEPHONE.
IN THE PAST INDIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE RELAYED SUCH MESSAGES TO THE PRISONER HIMSELF IF HE WANTED TO RECEIVE IT.
HF1042PPS NM

A58FX
BY GEORGE MCARTHUR (550)
SEOUL, MONDAY, DEC.21 (AP)-MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS AND FLICKERING LIGHTS OCCUR NIGHTLY ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS BOUNDARY THAT TODAY SEPARATES THE REDS AND THE U.N. COMMAND SOLDIERS DURING THE TRUCE.
CHINESE SOLDIERS ARE BURROWING DEEP INTO THE FROZEN EARTH ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER. AMERICAN AND OTHER U.N. TROOPS WATCH SUSPICIOUSLY FROM THE SOUTH.
ON LONELY OUTPOSTS, SMALL UNITS WAIT TO GIVE THE FIRST WARNING OF A RESUMED WAR IF IT EVER IS NEEDED. A FIELD TELEPHONE OR RADIO IS ABOUT THEIR ONLY LINK WITH THE ARMY WAITING BEHIND THEM.
A LITTLE BAND OF U.S. MARINES MANS ONE OF THE STRANGEST OUTPOSTS -- AN UGLY 25-FOOT WOODEN SENTINEL TOWER ON A MOUNTAIN TOP. THERE IS NO CAMOUFLAGE TO HIDE THEM FROM THE REDS ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES AWAY.
THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THESE TOWERS ALONG THE FRONT, GIVING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE A PRISONLIKE LOOK.
NONE OF THE MEN HAS ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT HIS CHANCES IF THE CHINESE SHOULD SUDDENLY ROLL SOUTH AGAIN IN HUMAN WAVES.
"WE'RE HERE TO GET OUT THE FIRST WARNING," SAID MARINE CPL. RONALD OSINSKI, AN ARTILLERY OBSERVER, OF 524 EAST CENTRAL AVE., TOLEDO, OHIO.
"MEANWHILE, WE REPORT WHAT WE SEE AND WAIT TO LEAVE."
OSINSKI AND SIX OTHER MARINES, MAN A 24-HOUR WATCH. THEIR OFF TIME IS SPENT IN CRUDE WOODEN SHACKS OR AROUND THE OIL STOVE IN THE TENT AT THE TOWER'S BASE. THE TEMPERATURE OFTEN FALLS TO NEAR ZERO.
THEY CAN EASILY SEE RED POSITIONS, BUNKERS AND EVEN A BASKETBALL COURT.
"THEY USED TO PLAY EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON BUT NOW IT'S GETTING TOO COLD," SAID PFC. FRED RUPERSBURG, 23693 DEANHURST ST., DETROIT.
"WE USED TO SEE THEM DIGGING AND WALKING AROUND. NOW THEY HAVE TIGHTENED UP. WE DON'T SEE THEM SO MUCH ANY MORE. AT FIRST, IN AUGUST, THEY HAD OPEN FIRES. NOW ALL WE CAN SEE AT NIGHT ARE FLASHLIGHTS AS THEY MOVE AROUND."
"THEY HAVE BEEN BLASTING LIKE MAD AT 3:30 IN THE MORNING," SAID PFC. LESTER PERSON, OF CLEVELAND, TENN.
"THEY MUST BE BLASTING TUNNELS. YOU CAN HEAR THE BOOMING BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THE FLASH."
THE MYSTERIOUS BLASTING ALWAYS IS DONE AFTER DARK, "MOSTLY IN THE EARLY MORNING," SAID PVT. ANTONIO ROCHA, OSSINING, N.Y.

A59FX
THE MARINES ARE CONVINCED THE BLASTING MEANS THE REDS ARE WORKING ON INTRICATE FORTIFICATIONS
DEEP IN THE EARTH. WITH ALL THE MANPOWER THEY HAVE AVAILABLE, THE REDS WOULD NOT NEED TO BLAST UNLESS THEY WERE WORKING ON ROCK OR SOMETHING DIFFICULT.
OCCASIONALLY THE SOUND OF A BUGLE FLOATS THROUGH THE MORNING MISTS. PERSON WAS ON WATCH ONE MORNING WHEN THE WEIRD SOUND OF A FLUTE CAME FROM THE CHINESE LINES AT DAWN.
"IT WAS JUST TO LET US KNOW THEY WERE STILL AROUND, I GUESS," SAID PFC. JAMES T. LANDRUM, NEWPORT, ARK.
THE MEN NO LONGER WORRY ABOUT THE ANTICS OF THE CHINESE. THERE ARE MORE SERIOUS MATTERS, SUCH AS THE RED AMMUNITION TRAINS.
"WE USED TO SEE CHOGGIE TRAINS (HUMAN PACK TRAINS) ALL THE TIME," SAID PFC. RUDOLPH GIBSON, ROCKFORD, ILL.
"YOU COULD SEE THEY WERE CARRYING AMMO. THEY MUST HAVE ENOUGH BURIED TO BLOW THOSE MOUNTAINS UP."
NOW THE RED CHOGGIE TRAINS ARE NOT SEEN SO OFTEN. THE REDS APPARENTLY HAVE DUG IN THE APPROACH TRAILS TO THE FRONT.
ONE THING GIBSON, A COMBAT VETERAN, KNOWS.
IF THE REDS EVER TRY TO USE THAT AMMUNITION, "WE'LL BE READY," HE SAID.
FB118APS NM

30.24- 16119

A55FX
(150)
SEOUL, MONDAY, DEC.21 (AP)-THIS WAR-RAVAGED CAPITAL CITY OF SOUTH KOREA HAD A 32-MINUTE AIR RAID ALERT YESTERDAY -- FIRST SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE -- WHILE JET INTERCEPTORS SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR TWO UNIDENTIFIED PLANES REPORTED TO HAVE FLOWN DOWN FROM COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA.
U.S. 5TH AIR FORCE OFFICERS SAID RADAR PICKED UP THE TWO PLANES, PRESUMABLY PROPELLER-DRIVEN, AS THEY CROSSED THE DORMANT BATTLE LINE NEAR THE CENTER OF KOREA.
AN EXTENSIVE OVERCAST HAMPERED A SEARCH BY FOUR JETS WHICH ALREADY WERE ALOFT AND FOUR OTHERS WHICH QUICKLY JOINED THEM.
THE AIR RAID ALERT IN SEOUL WAS SOUNDED AT 4 P.M. THE ALL CLEAR SOUNDED 32 MINUTES LATER.
AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RADAR TRACKS "FADED GOING NORTH" AFTER THE PLANES WERE "ON THIS SIDE OF THE LINE FOR FIVE MINUTES."
PEIPING RED RADIO HAS BROADCAST FREQUENT RED CHARGES THAT ALLIED PLANES HAVE VIOLATED COMMUNIST TERRITORY IN NORTH KOREA DURING THE TRUCE.
EB103PPS

A57FX
TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC.21 (AP)-PEIPING RED RADIO SAID TODAY THAT NORTH KOREA'S COMMUNIST CABINET HAS CANCELLED "PEASANTS TAX ARREARS SINCE 1950."
THE BROADCAST, MONITORED HERE, SAID "THE DECISION POINTS OUT THAT PEASANTS MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION DURING THE NATIONAL LIBERATION (KOREAN) WAR." x6P.28
EB107PPS

A100FX
TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC. 21-(AP)-TRUCKLOADS OF BANK OF JAPAN NOTES, TOTALLING 900 MILLION YEN ($2,500,000), WERE HAULED ABOARD A SHIP AT A SOUTHERN JAPAN PORT SUNDAY BOUND FOR AMAMI OSHIMA.
AMAMI OSHIMA, A CHAIN OF ISLANDS NORTH OF OKIANWA, IS SCUEDULED TO BE RETURNED TO JAPAN SOON. THEY HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY U.S. MILITARY FORCES SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.
THE JAPANESE CURRENCY WILL REPLACE AMERICAN-CIRCULATED "B-YEN" NOTES. ONE B-YEN WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR THREE JAPANESE YEN.
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A101FX
(120)
TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC.21 (AP)-PEIPING RED RADIO SAID TODAY THAT THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED GOVERNMENTS OF POLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RUMANIA AND BULGARIA HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENTS "FOR GRATUITOUS ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID TO (NORTH) KOREA."
THE BROADCAST, MONITORED HERE, SAID THIS WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY BY LI CHOO YUN, HEAD OF A NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WHICH RECENTLY VISITED THOSE COUNTRIES.
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE AGREEMENTS," LI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WILL RECEIVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF MACHINERY, INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER MATERIAL AND DAILY NECESSITIES NEEDED IN RESTORING AND CONSTRUCTING OUR COUNTRY AND IN BUILDING OR REBUILDING OUR FACTORIES AND OTHER ENTERPRISES."
EB405PPS NM

A147FX
TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC. 21 (AP)-METHODIST BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, LEFT FOR SEOUL BY PLANE TODAY TO CARRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SERVICEMEN IN KOREA.
IN SEOUL HE WILL CONFER WITH GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, U. S. 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, BEFORE STARTING HIS 14 DAY TOUR OF FRONT LINE AND REAR AREA ARMY, MARINE AND AIR FORCE UNITS.
BISHOP MARTIN, OF DALLAS, TEX., WILL VISIT THE 10TH CORPS TOMORROW AND HOLD MORNING RELIGIOUS SERVICES THERE AND EVENING SERVICES AT U.S. 45TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.
AS706PPS NM

A27FX
(125)
TAIPEH, FORMOSA, MONDAY, DEC.21 (AP)-CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS EXPECTED TO CALL AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE TO DRAFT ANTI-COMMUNIST STRATEGY SOON AFTER THE FEBRUARY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION TO NAME A PRESIDENT OF NATIONALIST CHINA.
ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHIANG'S RULING KUOMINTANG PARTY AND TWO MINOR GROUPS, THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST AND THE YOUNG CHINA PARTIES.
ALSO PARTICIPATING WILL BE NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN FROM ABROAD WHO WILL SPEAK TO SOME EXTENT FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE.
CHIANG'S REELECTION AS PRESIDENT FOR A NEW SIX-YEAR TERM IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. THE ONLY SPECULATION CENTERS ON WHO WILL BE VICE PRESIDENT -- AND CHIANG'S CHOICE FOR THE JOB IS EXPECTED TO WIN EASILY. x66.324
EB1102APS NM

A16
BIG FOUR BUDGET (480)
FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC.20 (AP)-CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER AND OPPOSITION SOCIALIST CHIEF ERICH OLLENHAUER, EXPRESSED GUARDED HOPE TODAY THAT THE PROPOSED FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE IN BERLIN WILL ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS.
BUT, WARNED ADENAUER, ACCEPTANCE OF ANY RUSSIAN PROPOSAL SUGGESTING A NEUTRALIZED GERMANY WOULD MEAN THE "VICTORY OF COMMUNISM, THE VICTORY OF SOVIET RUSSIA OVER WESTERN EUROPE."
OLLENHAUER APPEALED TO THE FOUR POWERS TO ENTER THE BERLIN PARLEY WITH GOOD WILL AND NOT TO TRY ONLY "TO EXPOSE THE BAD WILL OF THE OTHER."
"AS A GERMAN, AS A EUROPEAN, AND AS A MAN TO WHOM FREEDOM IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST BLESSINGS, I HOPE THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A SUCCESS," ADENAUER SAID IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN HAMBURG'S INDEPENDENT WELT AM SONNTAG.
"WE KNOW THAT SOVIET RUSSIA HAS PROPOSED THE NEUTRALIZATION OF GERMANY. THIS PROPOSAL HAS MET WITH THE APPROVAL OF MANY A POLITICIAN WHO THINKS THAT A REARMED GERMANY WILL BE A DANGER TO ITS NEIGHBORS.
"I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAVE ITS TROOPS STATIONED IN GERMANY FOREVER TO GUARANTEE THE NEUTRALIZATION OF GERMANY. I DO NOT THINK GREAT BRITAIN WILL. THEN IT WOULD BE THE SOVIET UNION WHO WOULD TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP IN THE CONTROL OVER GERMANY.

"BUT," ADENAUER WENT ON, "IT IS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED TO HOPE THAT RUSSIA WILL BE READY TO NEGOTIATE FOR A PERMANENT PEACE IF IT BECOMES CONVINCED THAT IT DOES NOT NEED TO FEAR AGGRESSION."

ADENAUER SAID PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S RECENT "GRAND PROPOSALS, AIMED AT PRESERVING MANKIND FROM DESTRUCTION BY AN ATOMIC WAR" MAY LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT AND DISARMAMENT.

"IF THIS BECOMES REALITY, THEN PEACE IS ASSURED.

"I ALSO SEE ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WHICH EVENTUALLY WOULD ENFORCE UNDERSTANDING, DISARMAMENT AND PEACE. WHEN EVERY NATION HAS SUFFICIENT ATOMIC STOCKPILES, ENABLING IT TO DESTROY ALL LIFE IN ANY OTHER NATION, THEN THE PEOPLES AND THEIR LEADERS WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT WAR IS NO LONGER A MEANS OF SETTLING DISPUTES BECAUSE IT WOULD DESTROY ALL.

"BUT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE GENERAL DISARMAMENT AND PEACE IF, BEFORE REACHING THIS GOAL, THE SOVIET BLOC BECOMES STRONGER THAN THE BLOC OF FREE NATIONS. THE PEOPLES OF WESTERN EUROPE HAVE THE HOLY DUTY NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH COULD GIVE SUCH A PREPONDERANCE TO THE SOVIET BLOC. THUS, WE DO A WORK OF PEACE IF WE COMPLETE THE INTEGRATION OF EUROPE."

OLLENHAUER, WRITING IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER, SAID THE "GRAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION CAN ONLY BE OVERCOME IF ALL PARTNERS ENTER THE CONFERENCE WITH THE GOOD WILL TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REACH A POSITIVE RESULT."

"CONFERENCE TACTICS AIMED AT EXPOSING THE BAD WILL OF THE OTHER WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE TO THE OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM" TO BE DISCUSSED IN BERLIN, HE SAID.

OLLENHAUER REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT ANY FUTURE ALL-GERMAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE BOUND BY TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY EITHER THE BONN OR THE SOVIET ZONE GOVERNMENTS, AND SAID THE "EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY IS NOT THE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANS OF A GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TOWARD SECURING WORLD PEACE."

BUT, HE SAID, "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ALL-GERMAN ELECTIONS WILL CONFIRM ANEW THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE FEEL THEY BELONG TO THE WEST."

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A3 (100)

BERLIN, DEC. 20 (AP)-THREE WOMEN ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE FOR THE WEST HAVE BEEN CONVICTED BY A COMMUNIST COURT AT HALLE, THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN REPORTED TODAY.

HILDE MOELLER, TEACHER AT AN EAST BERLIN FASHION SCHOOL LOCATED NEAR SOVIET HEADQUARTERS AT KARLSHORST, WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. MARGARETE STEPHAN, COSTUMER OF A THEATER IN WITTENBERG IN THE RUSSIAN ZONE, DREW 10 YEARS AND DORIS RICHTER OF ZWICKAU 13 MONTHS.

ADN SAID HILDE MOELLER AND MARGARETE STEPHAN HAD INFORMED THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FIGHTING GROUP AGAINST INHUMANITY IN WEST BERLIN ON THE STRENGTH OF SOVIET ARMY UNITS WHILE DORIS RICHTER SUPPLIED INFORMATION OF LESSER IMPORTANCE.

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A52

BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 20 (AP)-DR.HEINRICH WEITZ, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST GERMAN RED CROSS, SENT A CHRISTMAS LETTER TODAY TO RELATIVES OF GERMAN WAR PRISONERS STILL IN RUSSIA, EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THE PRISONERS EVENTUALLY WILL BE RETURNED. WEITZ BLAMED THE WINTER WEATHER FOR THE HALT IN REPATRIATION AFTER THE RETURN OF 6,000 FORMER GERMAN SOLDIERS FROM THE SOVIET UNION SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER. HE ALSO PREDICTED THE FATE OF MORE THAN 100,000 SOLDIERS STILL MISSING WILL BE CLARIFIED.

RP357PES

A73

PRECEDE LONDON (110)

GORIZIA, ITALY, DEC. 20 (AP)-ITALIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY ITALY HAS CONCLUDED WITHDRAWAL OF HER TROOPS FROM EMERGENCY POSITIONS ALONG THE TENSE ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER.

BELGRADE RADIO SAID YUGOSLAVIA ALSO HAD COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL OF HER TROOPS FROM NEAR THE ITALIAN FRONTIER AND PULLED THEM BACK TO THE LINE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE TRIESTE CRISIS AROSE.

THE TWO NATIONS AGREED TO THE JOINT WITHDRAWAL EARLIER THIS MONTH AS A FIRST STEP IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS. BOTH COUNTRIES MOVED MILITARY UNITS TO THEIR COMMON BORDER NORTH OF TRIESTE AFTER THE BRITISH-AMERICAN DECISION OF OCT.3 TO TURN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ZONE A OF TRIESTE OVER TO ITALY. THE DECISION HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT. PROPOSALS FOR MEDIATING THE TOUCHY DISPUTE OVER CONTROL OF TRIESTE ARE NOW UNDER STUDY.

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LONDON, DEC. 20 (AP)-BELGRADE RADIO SAID TODAY YUGOSLAVIA HAS COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL OF HER TROOPS FROM THE ITALIAN FRONTIER AND PULLED THEM BACK TO THE LINE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE TRIESTE CRISIS AROSE.

YUGOSLAVIA MOVED HER TROOPS TO THE BORDER IN PROTEST AFTER BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED OCT.3 THEY WOULD TURN TRIESTE'S ZONE A--OCCUPIED BY ALLIED TROOPS--OVER TO ITALY.

NOW, WITH PROPOSALS FOR MEDIATING THE TOUCHY DISPUTE UNDER STUDY, BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY HAVE AGREED TO PULL THEIR TROOPS BACK FROM THE BORDER.

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PRECEDE LONDON (A63)

MOSCOW, MONDAY, DEC. 21 (AP)-FOR THE THIRD CONSECURIVE DAY TASS REPORTED TODAY THAT MASS MEETINGS OF SOVIET CITIZENS WERE DEMANDING DEATH FOR LAVRENTY P. BERIA, DEPOSED POLICE BOSS, AND HIS SIX ACCUSED FELLOW PLOTTERS.

THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT FROM SAILORS AT SEA AND FROM MINERS IN THE BOWELS OF THE SIBERIAN EARTH, FROM HE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE SOVIET UNION, CAME THE DEMAND THAT BERIA AND HIS ASSOCIATES FACE THE FIRING SQUAD AS A TRAITOR TO THE MOTHERLAND.

NEW DENUNCIATIONS CAME FROM A MEETING OF SOVIET WRITERS IN MOSCOW WHO DECLARED "THERE IS NO WORSE NAME THAN TRAITOR TO THE MOTHERLAND WHO MUST DISAPPEAR WITH SHAME."

SAILORS AT SEA AND IN PORT, SAID TASS, DENOUNCED BERIA "AND THE GANG OF HIRELINGS OF THE BOURGEOISIE WHO ATTEMPTED TO UNDERMINE THE MIGHT AND STRENGTH OF THE SOVIET STATE BUT ENDED IN FAILURE."

ALL MEETINGS, ACCORDING TO TASS, ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE GEORGI MALENKOV GOVERNMENT WHICH JAILED BERIA AND HIS FELLOW ACCUSED.

BERIA, FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER, WAS ARRESTED LAST JUNE, AND THE SOVIET STATE PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT HE AND THE OTHERS HAVE CONFESSED THEY PLOTTED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE TO BE SENTENCED BY THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT UNDER A LAW WHICH APPEARS TO PROVIDE FOR A SECRET TRIAL OR SIFTING OF POLICE-PROCURED EVIDENCE.

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LONDON, DEC. 20 (AP)-RUSSIAN RADIO STATIONS CONTINUED TODAY THEIR DENUNCIATION OF FORMER FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER LAVRENTY BERIA, THE PURGED SOVIET SECRET POLICE BOSS.

THE KREMLIN ANNOUNCED THURSDAY THAT BERIA AND SIX ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE HAD CONFESSED TO HIGH TREASON AND OTHER CRIMES DATING BACK TO 1919.

SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES INTERPRETED THE STEPPED UP CAMPAIGN OF DENUNCIATION AS MEANING BERIA'S TRIAL IS NEAR OR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING PREPARED FOR THE FLAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS FATE. THE MOSCOW RADIO AND OTHER STATIONS CARRIED ADDITIONAL REPORTS OF MASS MEETINGS FROM LITHUANIA TO THE CRIMEA DENOUNCING THE ACCUSED.

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A48 (250)

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 20 (AP)-SUPPORTERS OF PRIME MINISTER NEHRU'S GOVERNING CONGRESS PARTY PARADED NEW DELHI'S MAIN STREETS TODAY, SHOUTING SLOGANS AND CARRYING PLACARDS SAYING "WE DO NOT WANT PAKISTAN TO BECOME ANOTHER KOREA."

THE PROCESSIONS AND A MASS MEETING WERE ARRANGED BY THE DELHI STATE CONGRESS COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY THE PARTY'S HIGH COMMAND LAST WEEK TO ALL BRANCHES THROUGHOUT INDIA.

THE DIRECTIVE CALLED ON THE PARTY TO "MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROPOSED MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES."

A SENIOR PARTY OFFICIAL SAID IN AN INTERVIEW "THIS IS BEING DONE THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR TWO REASONS: "TO SAIL WITH THE TIDES OF INDIAN PUBLIC OPINION WHICH IS UNANIMOUS ON THIS ISSUE AND 2. TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS EXPLOITING THE SITUATION BY CREATING A SCARE OR COMMUNAL TENSIONS, DISAFFECTION AND DISORDERS."

THE PARTY CIRCULAR EMPHASIZED THE IMPERATIVE NEED, THE OFFICIAL SAID, "NOT TO ATTACK EITHER PAKISTAN OR THE UNITED STATES, NOT TO BRING IN THE COMMUNAL NATURE OF MOSLEM PAKISTAN, TO UNDERLINE TO THE PEOPLE THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY MAKE THE CONGRESS PARTY OR NEHRU'S GOVERNMENT DEVIATE FROM ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT WITH WORLD BLOCS."

TODAY'S SLOGANS INCLUDED: "NEHRU'S POLICY IS A POLICY OF TRUTH, LOVE AND GOOD WILL. WE DO NOT WANT THE COLD WAR TO BE BROUGHT TO OUR DOORSTEPS. HINDUS AND MOSLEMS ARE BROTHERS. LONG LIVE COMMUNAL AMITY."

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WITH NEW DELHI

KARACHI, PAKISTAN, DEC. 20 (AP)-PAKISTAN INSTRUCTED ITS HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW DELHI TODAY TO PROTEST TO INDIA THE CONGRESS PARTY'S CAMPAIGN TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST PROPOSED U.S. MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HERE HAVE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THE CAMPAIGN MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS OUTSIDE INDIA.

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MOSCOW, DEC. 20 (AP)-THE SOVIET PRESS TODAY CONTINUED TO IGNORE AMERICAN AND PAKISTANI DENIALS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD GET MILITAR BASES IN PAKISTAN IN AN AGREEMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY, TASS, ALSO HAS NOT CARRIED ANY MENTION OF PAKISTAN'S NOTE REPLYING TO A SOVIET NOTE DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION O THE NEGOTIATIONS. FOREIGN BROADCASTS HEARD HERE SATURDAY NIGHT SAID PAKISTAN DECLARED SHE HAD NO INTENTION OF GRANTING MILITARY BASES TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAD NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD ANY FRIENDL POWER.

TASS, HOWEVER, QUOTED THE PARIS TRIBUNE DES NATIONS AS SAYING PAKISTAN WOULD GET ECONOMIC AID, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING PERSONNEL FOR HER ARMY FROM THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR BASES IN PAKISTAN AT WHIC AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD BE STATIONED.

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CALCUTTA, 8,$3-, DEC. 20 (AP)-HARRY POLLITT, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY, TOLD AN OPEN AIR COMMUNIST-SPONSORED MEETING TODAY HE HOPED PAKISTAN "LEARED IN GOOD TIME THE LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED IN BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY THAT THE UNITED STATES NEVER GIVES DOLLARS, ARMS AND ADVICE UNLESS FOR A PROFIT."

POLLITT PREFACED HIS HOUR LONG SPEECH BY SAYING HE HAD NOT COME TO INDIA TO INTERFERE IN INDIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

"I LEAVE THAT TO THE UNITED STATES AS IT IS DOING IN PAKISTAN, AND TO BRITAIN AS ITS DOING IN BRITISH GUIANA," HE ADDED.

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HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 20 (AP)-A FRENCH ARMY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT VIETNAMESE TROOPS REPULSED A VIETMINH ASSAULT NEAR PHAT NIEM, 75 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HERE, AND KILLED 36 OF THE COMMUNIST-LED REBELS. THIS MADE A TOTAL OF 635 REBEL SOLDIERS REPORTED KILLED AND MORE THAN 200 CAPTURED IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS.

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(NY) WASHINGTON, DEC. 20 (AP)-NORMAN RAMSEY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY PHYSICS PROFESSOR, SAID TODAY HE VERY STRONGLY BELIEVES THERE ARE NO COMMUNISTS ON THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY.

RAMSEY WAS COMMENTING ON A RECENT STATEMENT BY SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) THAT HARVARD IS A SANCTUARY "FOR FIFTH AMENDMENT CASES."

RAMSEY, WHO DIRECTED ASSEMBLY OF ATOMIC BOMBS DURING THE LAST WAR, SPOKE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, RATHER THAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY, ON NBC'S TELEVISED "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM.

HE STRONGLY DEFENDED THE HARVARD CORPORATION'S REFUSAL TO FIRE PROF. WENDELL FURRY, AN ACKNOWLEDGED FORMER COMMUNIST, WHO CLAIMED IMMUNITY UNDER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT WHEN CALLED BEFORE MCCARTHY'S SUBCOMMITTEE.

"THERE ARE MANY POINTS OF ISSUE ON WHICH THE HARVARD CORPORATION DISAGREES WITH FURRY," SAID RAMSEY, "BOTH AS TO HIS PAST ACTIONS AND HIS PRESENT COURSE.

"BUT THE CORPORATION IS FULLY COGNIZANT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM AND THE RIGHT TO MAKE A CHOICE. AND TRUE FREEDOM GIVES A MAN THE RIGHT TO MAKE A RIGHT CHOICE AND A WRONG COICE AS WELL."

RAMSEY SAID HE PERSONALLY DID NOT THINK FURRY SHOULD HAVE CLAIMED IMMUNITY AND "I THINK NO ONE SPENT MORE TIME THAN I IN ARGUING WITH HIM."

BUT, HE SAID, THE RIGHT IS CLEARLY DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND HAS BEEN UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND "THE FACT THAT I DISAGREE WITH HIM DOESN'T MEAN I THINK HE SHOULD BE DISMISSED."

RAMSEY SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HARVARD WOULD HIRE FURRY TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THE UNIVERSITY HAS REFUSED TO FIRE HIM.

"A GREAT UNIVERSITY HAS GREAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STANDARDS FOR HIRING AND STANDARDS FOR FIRING," HE SAID.

A MAN ON THE FACULTY MAY PERFORM ACTS AND HOLD OPINIONS WHICH THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT APPROVE WITHOUT BEING FIRED, HE EXPLAINED, WHILE IN HIRING A MAN THE UNIVERSITY HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT ITS STANDARDS BE MET IN EVERY RESPECT.

RAMSEY NOTED THAT FURRY HAD SWORN BEFORE MCCARTHY'S SUBCOMMITTEE THAT HE HAD NEVER ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE AND ADDED:

"THERE HAS INDEED BEEN A CASE WHICH HE BROUGHT UP HIMSELF, COMPLETELY VOLUNTARILY, TO STATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONE MATTER TROUBLING HIM ON HIS CONSCIENCE FOR A PAST NUMBER OF YEARS, A CASE IN WHICH HE DID NOT FOLLOW THE TRUTH."

RAMSEY DID NOT DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT BUT SAID, THE HARVARD CORPORATION "CALLED ON A NUMBER OF US TO ASK IF THIS MISDEED" WERE CHARACTERISTIC OF FURRY. HE SAID HE TESTIFIED IN DEFENSE OF THE PROFESSOR AND THAT HE BELIEVED FURRY TO BE AN EXTREMELY HONEST MAN.

RAMSEY SAID FURRY DOES NOT NOW HANDLE ANY MATERIAL INVOLVING SECURITY AND ADDED:

"I BELIEVE THAT IN ANYTHING DEALING WITH SECURITY, WHERE SPYING IS POSSIBLE, THERE SHOULD BE THE VERY STRICTEST TEST OF SECURITY. IF THEY WANT TO FIRE A MAN BECAUSE THEY THINK THERE MAY BE ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION THAT HE IS A RISK, THEN GO AHEAD AND DO IT."

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ATOMIC (400)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20 (AP)-REP. W. STERLING COLE (R-NY) EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE TODAY THAT CONGRESS WILL LIFT THE SECRECY LID ENOUGH TO AID THIS COUNTRY'S MILITARY ALLIES AND GIVE SUBSTANCE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S BOLD PLAN FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION POOL ON PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC POWER.

NEITHER PROGRAM IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT A CHANGE IN THE ATOMIC LAW, SAID COLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY. IT WAS IN THIS ROLE THAT HE ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCES LAST WEEK.

INTERVIEWED ON THE CBS TELEVISION SHOW "MAN OF THE WEEK," COLE DID NOT INDICATE HOW FAR THE DISCUSSIONS WENT ON RELEASE OF ATOMIC INFORMATION. EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED AFTER FRIDAY'S SESSIONS ONLY THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT WERE DISCUSSED AND THAT ONE PHASE DEALT WITH THE PROSPECTS OF PEACETIME USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

COLE SAID IT IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THE LAW SO THE EUROPEAN NATIONS BUILDING UP THEIR WESTERN DEFENSES CAN LEARN "A BIT MORE" ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

AS FOR EISENHOWER'S PLAN FOR PEACETIME USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY, COLE SAID HE BELIEVED OBJECTIONS WOULD MELT ONCE IT IS REALIZED THE PROPOSAL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ATOMIC WEAPONS. HE ADDED THAT THE LAW WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO PERMIT EVEN COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC POWER IN THIS COUNTRY.

COLE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE "COMPLETE SURRENDER OF OUR VITAL WEAPONS INFORMATION." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WONDERS ABOUT "HOW MUCH SECRETS WE HAVE LEFT."

"IT'S LIKELY OUR ENEMIES KNOW AS MUCH AND IN SOME CASES MORE THAN WE DO," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WAS TRUE ALSO IN THE FIELD OF HYDROGEN BOMBS.

COLE SAID RUSSIA SHOULD BE GIVEN ANOTHER THREE MONTHS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TAKE PART IN THE EISENHOWER ATOMIC PLAN. IF THEY WON'T GO ALONG, HE CONTINUED, THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD GO IT ON THEIR OWN. COLE SAID THERE WAS NO USE IN STARTING TO WORK ON THE PLAN UNTIL RUSSIA MAKES A DECISION.

ANY PLAN FOR SHARING ATOMIC INFORMATION, HE SAID, MUST EVENTUALLY CONTAIN "ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS SO THAT RUSSIA CANNOT PERPETRATE ANY IMPROPER PRACTICE." COLE ADDED THAT THE SAFEGUARDS WOULD NOT BE AS STRINGENT AS THE WEAPONS INSPECTION PLAN SUGGESTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS BY ELDER STATESMAN BERNARD BARUCH AND ATTACKED VIOLENTLY BY THE SOVIET BLOC.

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IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION COLE SAID THERE WAS A SIMILARLY BETWEEN THE EISENHOWER ATOMIC PLAN AND THE MARSHALL AID PROGRAM. BUT THE BIG DIFFERENCE, HE SAID, IS THAT ATOMIC INFORMATION IS SOMETHING THEY WILL GET EVENTUALLY ON THEIR OWN.

"SO WHY NOT RECOGNIZE THE INEVITABLE AND TURN THE CLOCK AHEAD A BIT," COLE ASKED.

THE CONGRESSMAN SAID HE ISN'T SATISFIED WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING PLANNED FOR ATOMIC RESEARCH. AND HE CALLED FOR GREATER CONCENTRATION IN TRYING TO DEVELOP ATOMIC WARHEADS THAT COULD BE USED IN DEFENSE RATHER THAN RELYING TOO MUCH ON THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, SUCH AS BOMBS.

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ARCTIC BASES-BUDGET (400)

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20 (AP)-AN AIR FORCE ARCTIC EXPERT TODAY PROPOSED FORMING SMALL FIGHTER PLANE UNITS ON POLAR ICE ISLANDS WHICH COULD LASH OUT WITH ATOMIC BOMBS AGAINST ANY AGGRESSOR NATION.

LT. COL. JOSEPH O. FLETCHER, WHO ORGANIZED THE FIRST DETACHMENT FOR THE DRIFTING ICE ISLAND T3 IN 1950, SAID SUCH UNITS MIGHT PROVE TO BE THE ONLY READILY AVAILABLE RETALIATORY BASES IF RUSSIA SHOULD STRIKE SUDDENLY AND WIPE OUT PRESENT U. S. AIR BASES IN FORWARD AREAS.

FLETCHER, WHO IS NOW IN THE AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, OUTLINED HIS PROPOSAL IN A PAPER WRITTEN FOR THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION "AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY."

"THE BASIC UNIT MIGHT BE BUILT AROUND THE ALL-WEATHER FIGHTER AS AN ATOMIC BOMB DELIVERY VEHICLE, SUPPORTED BY LONG-RANGE AIR TRANSPORT OR BY SUBMARINE," HE WROTE.

"SUCH A WIDELY DISPERSED FORCE WOULD BE AT HOME ANYWHERE IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN, WOULD POSSESS UNPARALLELED DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY, AND WOULD BE RELATIVELY INVULNERABLE TO COUNTERMEASURES, SINCE IT COULD FADE AWAY INTO THE TRACKLESS EXPANSES OF ICE AND WATER EASIER THAN AN ARAB IN THE SAHARA. HERE, IF ANYWHERE, MILITARY COMPETITION WILL BE A GAME OF WITS IN WHICH FLEXIBILITY AND VERSATILITY WILL WIN OVER BRUTE FORCE. . . .

"PROPERLY CAMOUFLAGED, IT COULD LURK WITHIN SHORT DISTANCES FROM ENEMY SHORES WITHOUT FEAR OF DETECTION. . . .

"THERE ARE NO TECHNICAL OBSTACLES FORMIDABLE ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A TACTICAL CAPACITY. . . ."

WHILE HE DID NOT SO SPECIFY, IT IS KNOWN THAT SMALL BUT POWERFUL ATOMIC BOMBS NOW CAN BE CARRIED IN SUCH PLANES AS THE JET F84 FIGHTER.

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FLETCHER SAID THAT IN ANY SUDDEN ATOMIC WAR RUSSIA WOULD STRIKE FIRST AND POSSIBLY DESTROY SUCH FORWARD BASES AS THE BIG AIRDROME AT THULE, IN NORTHWEST GREENLAND.

MOREOVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT USE OF BASES IN FOREIGN TERRITORY MIGHT BE LOST BY SHIFTING POLICY OF FRIENDLY NATIONS.

"IN SOME CASES OUR ALLIES, FACED WITH THE CHOICE OF NEUTRALITY OR OBLITERATION, MAY DECIDE THAT NEUTRALITY IS THEIR ONLY SALVATION," HE SAID. "ALREADY WE HEAR TALK FROM SOME OF THEM."

FLETCHER ALSO SAID THAT THE SUBMARINE WILL BECOME AN IMPORTANT WEAPON IN THE ARCTIC.

"TO THE SUBMARINE THE PACK ICE, WHICH RESTRICTS ITS ACCESS TO THE SURFACE, ALSO OFFERS PROTECTION FROM DETECTION AND ATTACK FROM THE AID. X X X FROM THE SHELTER OF THE PACK FORAYS AGAINST THOUSANDS OF MILES OF STRATEGIC COASTLINE CAN BE MADE," FLETCHER SAID. "SOONER OR LATER THE AIRPLANE AND THE SUBMARINE WILL TAKE THEIR PLACES AS THE INSTRUMENTS FOR CONTROLLING THIS STRATEGIC AREA."

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 20 (AP)-REP. CELLER (D-NY), JUST BACK FROM A TRIP TO THE FAR EAST, SAID TODAY THAT INDIA BELIEVES THE SOVIET UNION "IS NOT INTENT ON STARTING A WAR" AND THAT "THERE IS NO PROXIMATE CHANCE OF WAR."
CELLER, SENIOR DEMOCRAT ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, SAID THAT NONETHELESS INDIA IS MOVING QUIETLY AGAINST INTERNAL COMMUNIST TACTICS IN HER OWN WAY.
"SHE FINDS THE UNITED STATES TACTICS IN DEALING WITH INTERNAL COMMUNISTS DISTASTEFUL AND DAMAGING TO UNITED STATES PRESTIGE," HE SAID IN A STATEMENT.
"INDIA CLAIMS THAT HER METHODS OF MOVING QUIETLY AND QUICKLY ARE MORE EFFECTIVE."
CELLER, WHO CONFERRED WITH INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER NEHRU, QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THE UNITED STATES WAS ALIENATING INDIANS BY ITS ATTITUDE OF "IF YOU ARE NOT WITH US, YOU ARE AGAINST US."
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SUB INTRO RHEE
CINCINNATI, DEC. 20 (AP)-A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FROM INDIANA TODAY SAID PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE OF KOREA ALLOWED MONEY TO BE SPENT ON A LUXURY HOTEL WHILE 25,000 PERSONS ARE HOMELESS AFTER A FIRE.
REP. CHARLES B. BROWNSON CRITIZED RHEE DURING A RADIO INTERVIEW (ON WORLD FRONT OVER WLW)).
HE BLAMED RHEE, WHO IS "NEITHER AN ARCHANGEL NOR THE DEVIL INCARNATE, BUT A TIRED, PATRIOTIC OLD MAN" FOR THE DIVERSION OF THE MONEY TO BUILD THE HOTEL--COMPLETE WITH COCKTAIL LOUGHE--IN SEOUL WHILE 25,000 GO HOMELESS IN PUSAN.
"WHILE OUR TAXPAYERS POUR IN MONEY FOR DRUGS, FOOD AND ESSENTIALS," HE ASSERTED, "TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF KOREA'S LEAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS BEING SPENT FOR IMPORTED MATERIALS TO CREATE A LUXURY HOTEL COMPLETE WITH BARS, COCKTAIL LOUNGES, GARDEN ROOMS, A STAR-LIGHT ROOM AND A WESTERN STEAK RESTAURANT--ALL THIS AT THE INSISTENCE OF PRESIDENT RHEE
BROWNSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATION, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A KOREAN TOUR.
FREEZING PEOPLE MUST WAIT FOR THE WHIMS OF A RHEE, WHO ASPIRES TO BE KOREA'S GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE INDIANAPOLIS REPRESENTATIVE SAID.
"MAYBE HE WILL NAME ONE OF THE COCKTAIL LOUNGES THE VALLEY FORGE ROOM," HE SUGGESTED SARCASTICALLY.
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(FX LOCALS OUT)
BERKELEY, CALIF., DEC. 20 (AP)-REP. ROBERT L. CONDON (D-CALIF) DENIED TODAY HE WAS A COMMUNIST OR HAD BEEN PRESENT AT A CLOSED COMMUNIST MEETING IN THE EAST SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.
CONDON'S DENIAL OF CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST HIM AT THE SAN FRANCISCO HEARING OF THE VELDE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS MONTH WAS MADE IN A RADIO INTERVIEW WITH WALLACE HAMILTON, OF STATION KPFA.
DAVID BLODGETT, SELF-ADMITTED FORMER COMMUNIST, TOLD THE HEARING PRESIDED OVER BY REP. HAROLD VELDE (R-ILL), THAT HE HAD SEEN CONDON AT A CLOSED COMMUNIST MEETING IN 1943, AND THAT THE MEETING WAS SUCH THAT NONE BUT A COMMUNIST WOULD ATTEND.
ASKED ABOUT THAT BY HAMILTON, CONDON REPLIED HE HAD MET SEVERAL TIMES IN 1943 WITH LEADERS OF THE INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY BECAUSE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONCERN OF THE THREATENED SPLIT OF THE VOTE BY THE THIRD PARTY.
CONDON WAS SECRETARY OF A COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE TIME AND AT SOME OF THE MEETINGS AT LEAST OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE PRESENT, HE SAID.
"NONE WERE CLOSED COMMUNIST MEETINGS," HE DECLARED, "BECAUSE I HAVE MET WITH THESE SAME MEN AT VARIOUS OTHER TIMES AND I DO NOT EVEN REMEMBER ANY GROUP THAT BLODGETT NAMES."
ASKED BY HAMILTON IF HE BELIEVED THAT COMMUNISTS "SERVE AMERICAN POLITICAL ENDS OR THE GREATER GOOD OF THE SOVIET UNION?" CONDON REPLIED HE "SUPPOSED" THE REDS WOULD SAY THEY WERE DOING BOTH.
"BUT, WHAT DO YOU THINK?" HAMILTON ASKED.
CONDON REPLIED HE BELIEVED THE PRIME AIM OF AMERICAN COMMUNISTS WAS TO SERVE THE SOVIET UNION "WITH THE LESSER OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING WHAT THEY CALL MARXISM AND SOCIALISM TO THE UNITED STATES."
TOMORROW, IN SAN FRANCISCO, OFFICIALS OF STATION KGO-TV WILL APPEAR IN SUPERIOR COURT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO PERMIT CONDON TO APPEAR ON A TV SHOW TO DEFEND HIMSELF.
THE STATION TURNED CONDON DOWN LAST WEEK AND HE APPEALED TO THE COURT TO COMPEL THE STATION TO SELL HIM TIME.
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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 7 P.M, EST, TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC.20
(ADVANCE)...NEW YORK, DEC.20 (AP)-THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, CHARGED WITH BEING SUBVERSIVE BY ATTY. GEN. HERBERT BROWNELL JR., TODAY ANNOUNCED ISSUANCE OF A PAMPHLET ATTACKING "IMPLICATIONS" OF THE CHARGE.
THE GUILD SAID 25,000 COPIES OF THE 19-PAGE BOOKLET, ENTITLED "APPEAL TO REASON," WERE BEING SENT TO MEMBERS OF THE BAR, BAR AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, AND TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS INCLUDING EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS.
LAST AUG.27, DURING A SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSN. IN BOSTON, BROWNELL SAID "EVIDENCE SHOWS" THE GUILD IS "A COMMUNIST DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED ORGANIZATION." HE ADDED HE PROPOSED TO PLACE THE GUILD ON HIS LIST OF "SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS."
THE ACCUSATION WAS DENIED IMMEDIATELY BY GUILD OFFICIALS.
THE GUILD PAMPHLET TERMS BROWNELL'S PROPOSAL "UTTERLY REPUGNANT" TO THE CONSTITUTION AND DENIES THE RIGHT OF DUE PROCESS OF LAW.
"IF DUE PROCESS REQUIRES NOTHING ELSE," THE GUILD PAMPHLET ADDS, "IT REQUIRES A CONCLUSION AFTER A FAIR HEARING, NOT CONFIRMATION OF A JUDGMENT PREVIUSLY MADE AND ANNOUNCED.
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED HIS CONCLUSIONS AS TO WHAT 'THE EVIDENCE SHOWS' IN ADVANCE OF NOTICE TO THE GUILD. YET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE SOLE PROSECUTOR, SOLE JUDGE, SOLE JURY AND THE MAKER OF THE RULES IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY PROCEEDING."
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THIRD NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS (230)

BY GEORGE MCARTHUR

PANMUNJOM, TUESDAY, DEC. 22 (AP)-BALKED AT FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS, THE ALLIES WILL MAKE A LAST -DITCH BROADCAST APPEAL TOMORROW TO THE 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS OF THE KOREAN WAR WHO HAVE EMBRACED COMMUNISM.

THE DEADLINE FOR "COME HOME" EXPLANATIONS IS WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT.

THE INDIAN COMMAND TODAY APPROVED THE BROADCASTS. THEY WILL BE MADE ALSO TO THE 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS WHO WERE NOT GIVEN REGULAR INTERVIEWS.

"WE WILL ALLOW IT," AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY. "WE WILL MAKE THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. IT IS FOR THEM (THE PRISONERS) TO LISTEN OR NOT TO LISTEN."

THE AMERICAN PRISONERS EARLIER HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT A 12-PAGE APPEAL FROM THE U. N. COMMAND EXPLAINING WHY THEY SHOULD MAKE A FREE AND INFORMED CHOICE ON COMING HOME.

THE U. N. COMMAND ALSO ASKED TO MAKE FACE-TO-FACE EXPLANATIONS TO ANY OF THE PRISONERS WHO WOULD COME OUT ON THE FINAL DAY. BUT THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN PREDICTED THEY WOULD REMAIN FIRM IN THEIR REFUSAL.

THE COMMUNISTS ASKED TO GIVE EXPLANATIONS TOMORROW TO 250 CHINESE PRISONERS IN B4 COMPOUND AND ALSO TO 41 CHINESE AND KOREAN PRISONERS WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE SENT TO NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AFTER THEIR SCHEDULED RELEASE JAN. 22.

THE REDS WERE MAKING EXPLANATIONS TODAY TO 236 CHINESE FROM COMPOUND B3.

THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE ALLIED BROADCASTS TOMORROW WOULD BE MADE FROM ONE POINT, WITH NEUTRAL NATIONS AND COMMUNIST OBSERVERS ON HAND.

AN ALLIED SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEXT FOR A BROADCAST ALREADY HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION. HE SAID HE "PRESUMED" THAT NONE OF THE RECORDED FAMILY MESSAGES FROM THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE USED. THAT LEFT A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE BROADCAST WOULD BE BASED ON THE 12-PAGE LETTER WHICH THE AMERICANS TURNED DOWN.

THE U.N. COMMAND NOTIFIED THE INDIAN COMMAND TODAY IT WOULD BE READY TO MAKE EXPLANATIONS ON THE FINAL DAY TOMORROW TO ANY NUMBER OF PRISONERS OF ANY NATIONALITY.

THE INDIAN COMMAND NOTIFIED THE ALLIES TODAY OF THE AMERICAN POWS REJECTION OF THE APPEAL LETTER.

PREVIOUSLY, THE INDIAN CUSTODIANS HAD RULED THAT IT WAS A PART OF THE "EXPLANATION PROCEDURE" AND THEREFORE THE PRISONERS WOULD HAVE TO GIVE CONSENT BEFORE IT COULD BE TURNED OVER TO THEM.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO BROADCAST APPEALS TO ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS.

HOWEVER, THE TEXT OF ANY ALLIED BROADCAST WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE ~~INDIAN COMMAND~~. NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

BESIDES THE 22 AMERICANS, THERE ARE 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IN "COME HOME" TALKS.

THE SOUTH KOREANS STALLED EXPLANATIONS BY DEMANDING UNLIMITED TIME TO TALK BACK.

AFTER MIDNIGHT TOMORROW THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD EXPIRES, UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE U.N. COMMAND HAS REFUSED TO EXTEND THE PERIOD IN A MEETING OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION. CAPTIVES WHO REFUSE TO RETURN TO THE COMMAND AFTER WEDNESDAY WILL BE LISTED AWOL -- ABSENT WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE.

GEN. JOHN E.HULL, ALLIED FAR EAST COMMANDER, FLEW IN FROM TOKYO FOR THE FINAL HOURS OF THE EXPLANATION PROGRAM.

HULL TOLD NEWSMEN THE U.N. COMMAND WAS PREPARING A LAST-DAY OFFER FOR EXPLANATIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE THE CAPTIVES THE "OPPORTUNITY, IF THEY ARE INTERESTED," OF CHANGING THEIR MINDS

HOWEVER, HULL SAID HE FELT THE BALKY AMERICANS WHO WERE TURNED OVER TO INDIAN CUSTODY SEPT. 26 "HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK THE MATTER OVER AND IF THEY WANTED TO RETURN THEY COULD DO WHAT DICKENSON DID WITH NO TROUBLE WHATEVER."

THE ALLIED COMMANDER IN CHIEF WAS REFERRING TO CPL. EDWARD S. DICKENSON OF BIG STONE GAP, VA., WHO ASKED AND RECEIVED REPATRIATION VOLUNTARILY.

HULL SAID HIS PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THAT ALL THE PRISONERS "HAVE THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE."

THE U.N. COMMAND MUST MAKE KNOWN BY 10 A.M. TODAY (8 P.M. MONDAY, EST) ITS PLANS FOR EXPLANATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, THE FINAL DAY. THE COMMUNISTS MUST ALSO PLACE THEIR REQUEST FOR THE FINAL DAY BY THE SAME HOUR.

THE REDS WERE SCHEDULED TO TALK TO ANOTHER 236 CHINESE TODAY FROM COMPOUND B-3.

YESTERDAY THE REDS INDUCED 33 OF 250 OTHER CHINESE CAPTIVES FROM COMPOUND B-3 TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD. THE REMAINING 217 CHINESE CHOSE TO REMAIN IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMP.

THE GREAT BULK OF THE CAPTIVES INTERVIEWED HAVE REJECTED THE COMMUNISTS. UNTIL YESTERDAY'S HIGHER PERCENTAGE, ONLY 3 PER CENT WENT HOME.

HULL ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE OF SOUTH KOREA HAD AGREED ON STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE CARE OF SOME 22,500 ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS WHO THE U.N. COMMAND SAYS MUST BE FREED AFTER JAN. 22.

HULL SAID HE WOULD MEET DURING THE DAY WITH LT. GEN. K.S.THIMAYYA, OF INDIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION. THIMAYYA HAS AGREED THAT THE INDIAN CUSTODIAL FORCE WILL NOT HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY OVER THE PRISONERS AFTER JAN. 22.

THE COMMUNISTS HOTLY DEMANDED AN EXTENSION OF THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD MONDAY. THEY WERE FIRMLY TURNED DOWN. THE REDS CHARGED THE EXPLANATIONS HAD BEEN STALLED BY "MURDER...INTIMIDATION...SECRET AGENTS.."

THE SENIOR ALLIED MEMBER OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION, AIR FORCE MAJ. GEN. J. K. LACEY, REPLIED THE REDS HAD "NEVER MADE A SERIOUS, CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT" TO TALK TO THEIR NON-REPATRIATED PRISONERS. HE FLATLY REFUSED THE EXTENSION.

MEANWHILE, THIMAYYA DISCLOSED THE U.N. COMMAND HAD BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO MAKE LOUDSPEAKER BROADCASTS TO THE CAPTIVES. THESE WILL BE MADE IN ENGLISH AND KOREAN TO THE COMPOUND HOLDING THE MEN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN EXPLAINED TO BY THE U.N. COMMAND. ANOTHER 250 SOUTH KOREANS REFUSING REPATRIATION WENT THROUGH THE EXPLANATIONS, AND NONE RETURNED HOME.

ASIDE FROM THE BROADCASTS, HOWEVER, THIMAYYA INDICATED THE U.N. COMMAND WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING ITS MESSAGE TO THE BALKY PRISONERS.

HE SAID DELIVERY OF ANY LETTERS OR WRITTEN APPEALS WOULD HAVE TO BE TREATED AS PART OF THE REGULAR EXPLANATIONS AND WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE PRISONERS THEMSELVES ACCEPT THEM. THE BALKY PRISONERS HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION OF ANY WEAKENING SINCE THEY BROKE OFF THE ALLIED "EXPLANATIONS" MORE THAN A WEEK AGO.

THE U.N. CONFIRMED THAT IT HAD PREPARED BROADCASTS BUT WOULD GIVE NO INDICATION OF ANY OTHER APPEALS.

THIMAYYA SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH THE BALKY AMERICANS AND ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD RECEIVE THE U.N. COMMAND STATEMENT. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD DELIVER AN NNRC ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINTS WHICH STALLED EXPLANA-

TIONS IN THE PRO-RED CAMP.
THE DISPUTE THAT HAS STALLED THE EXPLANATIONS WAS STARTED BY BALKY SOUTH KOREANS WHO INSISTED ON AN "ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE" THAT THEY BE GIVEN UNLIMITED TIME FOR "COUNTER-EXPLANATIONS" TO ALLIED OFFICERS. THE AMERICANS BACKED THE BALKY SOUTH KOREANS UP AND BOTH HAVE REFUSED TO COME OUT SINCE.

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A3KX
AT THE TIME, TIMAYYA SAID SOME OF THE SOUTH KOREAN AND PRO-RED AMERICAN CHARGES WERE "ABSURD" AND COULD ONLY BE DESIGNED TO HALT THE EXPLANATIONS.
SINCE THAT TIME, THE U.N. COMMAND HAS DAILY OFFERED TO EXPLAIN TO THE PRISONERS IN ANY NUMBER AND BY ANY NATIONALITY.
SHOULD THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE EXPLANATIONS IN THE SOUTH CAMP, IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY MEAN THAT THE U.N. COMMAND COULD NOT COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS WITH PRO-RED CAPTIVES.
UNDER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, ADOPTED BY THE FIVE NATION NNRC, THE U.N. COMMAND IS RESTRICTED TO ONLY ONE EXPLANATION "SITE" THE COMMUNISTS GET THE USE OF 32 OF THE AVAILABLE NEUTRAL INSPECTION TEAMS, LEAVING ONLY ONE FOR THE ALLIED COMMAND. THIS RULE WAS ADOPTED THREE MONTHS AGO WHEN IT APPEARED THE U.N. COMMAND WOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME AND THE COMMUNISTS WERE FACED WITH EXPLANATIONS TO 22,500 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS.
IT WAS POSSIBLE THE COMMUNISTS WOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP THEIR EXPLANATIONS GOING RIGHT UP UNTIL THE LAST DAY SIMPLY TO KEEP THE U.N. COMMAND FROM CONDUCTING "EXPLANATIONS" AT MORE THAN ONE SITE. IT WAS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.N. COMMAND COULD GET AROUND THIS BY TALKING TO MORE THAN ONE CAPTIVE AT A TIME, SHOULD THEY AGREE TO COME OUT.
HU-P318PCS

A124KX
(WEST OUT) (300)
SECOND NIGHT LED EXPLANATIONS (300)
BY STAN CARTER
PANMUNJOM, TUESDAY, DEC. 22 (AP)-COMMUNIST OFFICERS WITH SOFT-VOICED PLEAS TODAY COAXED CHINESEPRISONERSS TO DROP THEIR ANTI-RED STAND AND COME HOME. SIXTEEN OF THE FIRST 176 [redacted] ASKED TOGO BACK TO THE REDS.
THE SAME TYPE OF PLEAS YESTERDAY WON BACK 33 OF 250 CHINESE INTERVIEWED IN THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHERE PRISONERS OF BOTH SIDES ARE HELD IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO REFUSED TO GO HOME IN THE BIG ARMISTICE EXCHANGE.
THE COMMUNISTS CALLED UP 326 CHINESE POWS FOR EXPLANATIONS TODAY. GENERALLY THE CAPTIVES WERE CALM. ONLY A FEW RAISED THEIR VOICES. SOME DISPLAYED BOREDOM BY TURNING THEIR BACKS ON EXPLAINERS AND SITTING QUIETLY, CHINS IN HANDS.
A FEW WHOOPED AS THEY LEFT THE EXPLANATION TENTS ON THE WAY BACK TO THE STOCKADE WHICH SHOWED THEY HAD CHOSEN AGAINST THE REDS. INDIAN GUARDS HUSTLED THEM ALONG.
ONE PRISONER, ACCUSED BY THE ESPLAINER AS A SECRET AGENT, ANSWERED, "I AM A SOLDIER, NOT A SECRET AGENT, AND I WANT TO GO BACK TO TAIWAN (FORMOSA) TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS."
ANOTHER PRISONER, ASKED WHY HE WANTED TO GO TO FORMOSA, REPLIED, "I AM GOING THERE TO FIGHT WITH THOSE WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ANNIHILATE COMMUNISTS."
THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF NEUTRAL OBSERVERS IN ONE TENT ORDERED THE COMMUNIST EXPLAINER TO STOP ATTEMPTING TO "DAMAGE THE PRESTIGE OF THE U. N. COMMAND REPRESENRATIVES."
AN AMERICAN COLONEL HAD PROTESTED THAT THE RED EXPLAINER TOLD PRISONERS, "THESE PEOPLE IN AMERICAN UNIFORM IN THIS TENT COULD MURDER YOU, MISTREAT YOU, BEAT YOU WHEN YOU ARE IN YOUR COMPOUND."
ONE CAPTIVE WALKED INTO THE EXPLANATION TENT SHOUTING "LONG LIVE THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S (COMMUNIST) REPUBLIC." HE WENT OUT THE DOOR TO REPATRIATION IN ABOUT 40 SECONDS.
THE COMMUNISTS YESTERDAY WON BACK 13.2 PER CENT OF PRISONERS INTERVIEWED, THEIR HIGHEST PERCENTAGE TO DATE.
BEFORE MONDAY, ONLY 2.9 PER CENT OF THE CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS SEEN BY RED EXPLAINERS RETURNED TO THE COMMUNISTS.
THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD SET UP BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ENDS WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT.
AFTER THE PRISONERS WERE TURNED BACK TO THE REDS AT PANMUNJOM SOME ALLIED OFFICERS SPECULATED WHETHER THE REDS DIDN'T KNOW ALL ALONG THAT THEY WOULD DO WELL WITH THAT PARTICULAR COMPOUND, B-3.
AFTER MONDAY'S SUCCESS THE REDS CALLED FOR THE REMAINING 236 CHINESE IN B-3 FOR EXPLANATIONS TODAY. THE PRISONERS AGREED TO COME OUT.
INTERVIEWS BEFORE MONDAY WERE VERBAL---AND SOMETIMES PHYSICAL---SLUGFESTS BETWEEN ANTI-RED CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN POWS AND COMMUNIST PERSUADERS.
FOR THE MOST PART MONDAY, THE INTERVIEWS WERE ORDERLY AND QUIET. THE PRISONERS WHO RETURNED TO THE REDS HAD MADE THEIR CHOICE BEFORE THEY ENTERED THE EXPLANATION TENTS. IT TOOK THEM ONLY TWO TO SEVEN MINUTES TO LISTEN TO THE FORMALITIES AND EXPRESS THEIR WISH.
BUT, DESPITE THE HIGHER NUMBER WHO WENT HOME, THE MAJORITY FROM COMPOUND B-3 WERE ADAMANT IN REJECTING COMMUNISM. A FEW SHOUTED OBSCENITIES AT THE RED EXPLAINERS. BUT MOST LISTENED PATIENTLY, SAYING AT THE END "I WANT TO GO TO TAIWAN (FORMOSA."
TAIWAN IS THE CHINESE NAME FOR FORMOSA, GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI SHEK'S NATIONALIST STRONGHOLD.

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SEVERAL ANTI-RED PRISONERS SIMPLY TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE EXPLAINERS AND REFUSED TO LISTEN.
"THEY MUST HAVE BEEN CARRYING THIS COMPOUND UNDER THEIR ARM, KNOWING THEY WOULD GET A BETTER SHOWING HERE," ONE ALLIED OFFICER SAID IN ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN THEY HIGHER PERCENTAGE.
"THEY HAVE A GOOD G-2. THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT CAMP."
THE REDS HAD ASKED ONCE BEFORE TO GIVE EXPLANATIONS TO COMPOUND B-3, THEN CHANGED THEIR MINDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND ASKED FOR A DIFFERENT COMPOUND WHICH THEY KNEW WOULD REFUSE TO ATTEND EXPLANATIONS. THE FACT THEY THEN IGNORED THE COMPOUND UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT DEADLINE FOR EXPLANATIONS INDICATED---SO THIS OFFICER THOUGHT---THAT THEY WERE HOLDING IT FOR A GOOD SHOWING AT THE LAST.
RED EXPLANATIONS HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF SINCE NOV. 16 BECAUSE THE PRISONERS IN THE OTHER COMPOUNDS THEY ASKED FOR REFUSED TO BE SPLIT IN TWO SECTIONS. BUT THE LEADERS IN B-3 AGREED TO BE SPLIT, EVEN THOUGH THE COMPOUND WAS PREDOMINANTLY ANTI-COMMUNIST.
IN ONE TENT THREE CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICERS GRILLED A THIN PRISONER FOR FOUR AND ONE HALF HOURSYESTERDAY.
THE PRISONER LISTENED QUIETLY TO THE RED OFFICERS' ELOQUENCE.
"I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU WILL ENJOY LIFE IN HAPPY NEW CHINA," THE PRISONER WAS TOLD.
EVERY HALF HOUR THE PRISONER STOOD UP AND SAID, "I WANT TO GO TO FORMOSA." HE WAS VERY POLITE. SO WERE THE EXPLAINERS. FINALLY THE CHIEF EXPLAINER TOLD HIM:
"NOW YOU CAN MAKE UP YOUR MIND."
"I FIRMLY DECIDE TO GO TO FORMOSA," HE SAID "I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY."
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A26FX
BULLETIN
SEOUL, DEC. 21 (AP)-GEN. JOHN E. HULL, U.S. FAR EAST COMMANDER, INDICATED TODAY THE U.N. COMMAND HAS GIVEN UP HOPE FOR THE RETURN OF 22 AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS WHO STAYED WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

HULL SAID THE MEN HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME AND PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO COME HOME SINCE THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO INDIAN CUSTODY SEPT. 25.

"THEY'VE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK THE MATTER OVER, AND IF THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO THE SOUTH THEY COULD DO WHAT DICKENSON DID WITH NO TROUBLE WHATEVER."

CPL. EDWARD S. DICKENSON, OF BIG STONE GAP, VA., WHO RETURNED VOLUNTARILY FROM THE NORTH CAMP OCT. 22, IS THE ONLY AMERICAN TO RETURN FROM THE PRO-RED COMPOUND.

HULL SAID:

"I FEEL THIS WAY: THE THING THAT WE HAVE STOOD FOR ALWAYS HAS BEEN FREEDOM OF CHOICE. I AM ONLY INTERESTED IN THAT THEY HAVE THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

"QUITE FRANKLY I DID NOT COME OVER HERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 22 AMERICANS. HOWEVER, I THINK THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION."

HULL SAID HE CAME TO KOREA PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS THE CARE 22,500 ANTI-COMMUNIST CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS ALSO IN INDIAN CUSTODY AT PANMUNJOM.

HULL SAID THE PRISONERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREEDOM "ONE MINUTE AFTER MIDNIGHT ON JAN. 22."

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A63FX
MPOW MOTHER (270)

PANMUNJOM, DEC.21 (AP)-AN APPEAL FROM A TEXAS MOTHER TO "COME BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY AND TO YOUR GOD" ARRIVED TODAY FOR DELIVERY TO HER SON, ONE OF 22 AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS WHO REMAINED WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

"IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY SAD CHRISTMAS FOR US UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO COME HOME," MRS. J. H. ADAMS OF CORSICANA SAID IN HER APPEAL TO SGT.HOWARD G. ADAMS.

THE MESSAGE WAS BROADCAST TO TOKYO AND RELAYED TO PANMUNJOM BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. IT WAS HANDED TO THE INDIAN COMMAND WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL GIVE IT TO SGT. ADAMS IF HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IT.

MRS. ADAMS WALKED INTO THE STUDIOS OF RADIO STATION WFAA IN DALLAS SUNDAY AND ASKED HELP IN MAKING A FINAL APPEAL TO HER SON.

THE DEADLINE FOR HIM TO ASK TO COME HOME IS WEDNESDAY ALTHOUGH HE COULD CHANGE HIS MIND ANY TIME BEFORE JAN. 22.

THE STATION HELPED HER RECORD THE MESSAGE FOR BROADCAST TO THE FAR EAST.

HER BRIEF MESSAGE:

"DEAREST GAYLE: I WANT TO SEND THIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO YOU. I HAD HOPED AND PRAYED THAT YOU WOULD BE ON YOUR WAY HOME BY NOW.

"IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY SAD CHRISTMAS FOR US UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO COME HOME. YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, SO PLEASE HAVE THAT COURAGE NOW.

"WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH AND ARE PRAYING EVERY DAY THAT YOU HAVE THOUGHT THINGS OVER AND WILL COME BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, AND TO YOUR GOD.

"I LOVE YOU. MOTHER."

MRS. ADAMS EXPLAINED THAT THE NAME GAYLE IS A FAMILY NICKNAME.

AFTER RECORDING HER MESSAGE THE GRAYING MOTHER BOARDED A BUS BACK TO CORSICANA BECAUSE "I HAVE TO GO TO WORK AT 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT."

MA353APS

A96KX
PRECEDE PUSAN DAY (210)

SEOUL, TUESDAY, DEC. 22 (AP)-BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES, BEGAN HIS HOLIDAY TOUR OF THE KOREAN FRONT TODAY.

HE SAID HE BROUGHT GREETINGS TO ALL THE SOLDIERS IN KOREA AND HOPED TO STRESS THAT "CHRISTMAS IS NOT A MATTER OF GEOGRAPHY BUT A MATTER OF THE HEART."

THE DALLAS, TEX., BISHOP WHO REPRESENTS SOME 35,000,000 AMERICAN PROTESTANTS WILL TOUR FRONT LINE UNITS UNTIL CHRISTMAS AND THEN RETURN TO SEOUL FOR SERVICES AT NEARBY ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS.

"THIS IS THE BEST YEAR WE HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS," MARTIN SAID AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, "BECAUSE CHRISTIANITY IS A FAITH FOR A TURBULENT TIME. IT WAS IN THIS KIND OF WORLD THAT CHRISTIANITY WAS BORN. THE FIRST CHRISTMAS WAS A TIME OF CRUELTY AND PERSECUTION.

"WE'VE NEVER SAID AS CHRISTIANS THAT THE HARSH THINGS OF LIFE ARE NOT REAL: THE COLD, MUD, DESTRUCTION, THE TROUBLES AND THE HOMESICKNESS. BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE REAL--THE JOY AND WARMTH AND THE WELCOME THAT AWAITS SOLDIERS IN THE HOMELAND, THE PRAYERS OF MOTHERS, FATHERS AND WIVES WHO LOVE THEM."

BISHOP MARTIN SAID HE WILL CONFER WITH SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE AND DR. H. C. YU OF THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, BEFORE HE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE NEW YEAR.

THIS IS BISHOP MARTIN'S FIRST TRIP TO THE FAR EAST.

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PUSAN, DEC. 21 (AP)-METHODIST BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ARRIVED IN FIRE-BLACKENED PUSAN TODAY WITH GEN. JOHN E. HULL, THE ALLIED FAR EAST COMMANDER.

THEY WERE MET BY THE U.S. 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, AND AMBASSADOR TO KOREA ELLIS O. BRIGGS.

THE BISHOP FROM DALLAS, TEX. AND THE THREE GENERALS WILL CALL ON SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE AT CHINHAE, NEAR HERE, WHERE RHEE IS SPENDING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING, THE MEN FLEW IN HELICOPTERS OVER THE SECTION OF PUSAN BURNED OUT BY A DISASTROUS FIRE A FEW WEEKS AGO.

DURING A 14-DAY TOUR, BISHOP MARTIN WILL HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT THE FRONT AND IN REAR AREAS TO ARMY, MARINE AND AIR FORCE UNITES.

BP1220APS

A98KX
(180) NIGHT LEAD

TOKYO, TUESDAY, DEC. 22 (AP)-WALTER ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EAST AFFAIRS, PREDICTED YESTERDAY THAT NEITHER THE ALLIES NOR THE COMMUNISTS WILL BREAK THE ARMISTICE IN KOREA.

HE ARRIVED HERE WITH ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, CHIEF OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, TO STUDY FAR EAST OPERATIONS. LATER THEY WILL GO TO MANILA TO ATTEND THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY DEC. 30.

THE TWO OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH JAPANESE AND KOREAN LEADERS IN TOKYO AND SEOUL BEFORE GOING TO MANILA. THEY WERE GUESTS OF HONOR LAST NIGHT AT A DINNER GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER SHIGERU YOSHIDA.

ROBERTSON TOLD NEWSMEN FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL:

HE EXPECTS SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE "TO COOPERATE WITH HIS ALLIES" IN KOREA. IN THE PAST RHEE HAS THREATENED INDEPENDENT ACTION IF KOREA IS NOT UNIFIED AND THE CHINESE RED ARMY IS NOT REMOVED.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER THE COMMUNISTS OR THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WILL BREAK THE ARMISTICE," ROBERTSON SAID.

ROBERTSON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THE REDS STALLED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS ON THE CONVENING OF A KOREAN PEACE CONFEREN E.

HE SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS JAPANESE REARMAMENT WHILE IN TOKYO.

FJ920PCS

1953

A70FX

RADFORD-ROBERTSON (230)

TOKYO, DEC.21 (AP)-ADM.ARTHUR RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND WALTER S. ROBERTSON, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, ARRIVED ~~FRIDAY~~ ON A TOUR THAT WILL TAKE THEM THROUGH JAPAN, KOREA, FORMOSA AND THE PHILIPPINES. TODAY

ROBERTSON, WHO LAST SUMMER WON FROM SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE A PROMISE TO OBSERVE AN ARMISTICE, TOLD NEWSMEN HE EXPECTS RHEE "TO COOPERATE WITH HIS ALLIES" IN KOREA.

ROBERTSON MADE THE STATEMENT AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ABOUT RHEE'S PROBABLE FUTURE MOVES.

BOTH RADFORD AND ROBERTSON DESCRIBED THEIR TRIP AS ROUTINE.

RADFORD SAID HE AND ROBERTSON PLANNED TO ATTEND THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY IN MANILA DEC. 30 AND DECIDED THE OCCASION WAS A GOOD CHANCE TO GATHER KNOWLEDGE IN THE FAR EAST.

ROBERTSON SAID HE SEES NO THREAT TO THE KOREAN ARMISTICE IN THE BREAKDOWN OF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AT PANMUNJOM FOR A POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER THE COMMUNISTS OR THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WILL BREAK THE ARMISTICE IN KOREA," ROBERTSON SAID. "I DO NOT KNOW WHY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE STALLED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS OVER THE CONVENING OF A POLITICAL CONFERENCE. BUT I BELIEVE THERE MUST BE A REASON."

ROBERTSON AND RADFORD SAID THEY EXPECT TO TALK WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS ABOUT "OUR PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS IN GENERAL."

ROBERTSON ANSWERED WITH A CRISP "NO" WHEN ASKED IF HE PLANS TO DISCUSS JAPANESE REARMAMENT.

RADFORD, QUERIED ABOUT REPORTS OF COMMUNIST AIR BUILDUPS IN NORTH KOREA AND MANCHURIA, SAID HE VIEWS THEM AS "THE SAME OLD THREAT--JUST INCREASED A LITTLE BIT. WE TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR PLANNING AND KEEP OUR EYES ON IT."

MA401APS

A153FX

SPELLMAN (130)

TOKYO, TUESDAY, DEC. 22 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN ARRIVED IN TOKYO THIS AFTERNOON AND SAID HE WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN KOREA BECAUSE "THAT'S THE PLACE TO BE ON CHRISTMAS."

IT WILL BE THE CARDINAL'S THIRD STRAIGHT CHRISTMAS WITH AMERICAN TROOPS THERE.

HE WILL FLY TO KOREA AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (7 P.M. EST, TUESDAY) ON GEN. JOHN E. HULL'S PRIVATE PLANE. THIS IS IN CONTRAST TO THE FIRST WINTER THE CARDINAL SPENT THERE, WHEN HE FLEW TO KOREA IN A REGULAR COURIER PLANE LIKE ANY GI.

THE CARDINAL, WHO LOOKED IN EXCELLENT HEALTH, SMILED BROADLY AS HE LEFT THE NORTHWEST AIRLINER AND WAS GREETED BY MANY CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND LAYMEN AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. A RED CARPET WAS ROLLED OUT TO THE PLANESIDE FOR HIM.

SPELLMAN SAID HE WILL CONDUCT THREE MASSES IN KOREA ON CHRISTMAS DA HE SAID HE WILL BE BACK IN TOKYO BY NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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A101FX

SEOUL, DEC.21 (AP)-SOUTH KOREA'S PRIME MINISTER TODAY DENIED THE ACCUSATION OF A U.S. CONGRESSMAN THAT THE ROK GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING TWO MILLION DOLLARS ON A LUXURY HOTEL WHILE 25,000 ARE HOMELESS IN PUSAN.

PRIME MINISTER PAIK TOO CHIN SAID PLANS ARE BEING DRAFTED TO REPAIR THE BANTO HOTEL AT A COST OF ABOUT $50,000 BUT NOT TO ERECT A NEW STRUCTURE. THE BANTO IS ONE OF TWO WESTERN TYPE HOTELS BUILT HERE BY THE JAPANESE.

REP.CHARLES B. BROWNSON (R-IND) SAID YESTERDAY IN A RADIO INTERVIEW AT CINCINNATI THAT RHEE WAS SPENDING MONEY ON A LAVISH HOTEL COMPLETE WITH COCKTAIL LOUNGE INSTEAD OF HOMES FOR 25,000 PERSONS MADE HOMELESS IN THE BIG PUSAN FIRE LAST MONTH.

"WHILE OUR OWN TAXPAYERS POUR IN MONEY FOR DRUGS, FOOD AND ESSENTIALS," BROWNSON SAID, "TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF KOREA'S LEAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS BEING SPENT FOR IMPORTED MATERIALS TO CREATE A LUXURY HOTEL COMPLETE WITH BARS, COCKTAIL LOUNGES, GARDEN ROOMS, A STARLIGHT ROOM AND A WESTERN STEAK RESTAURANT--ALL THIS AT THE INSISTENCE OF PRESIDENT RHEE."

MA556APS NM

A97

HONG KONG, DEC. 21 (AP)-SHANGHAI HAS BECOME A CITY OF SCARCITY, A BRITISH WIDOW, MRS.MARY ELLIOTT, SAID TODAY ON ARRIVAL BY SHIP FROM COMMUNIST CHINA.

"YOU HAVE TO QUEUE UP BY 3 A.M. TO GET EVEN A FEW OUNCES OF BROKEN RICE OR MILLET," SHE SAID. "THE COMMUNISTS MAKE PEOPLE ATTEND NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD MEETINGS EVERY DAY IN WHICH THEY ARE INSTRUCTED HOW TO LIVE ON LESS."

MRS.ELLITT, 53, WAS BORN IN SHANGHAI. HER HUSBAND, VICTOR, A BUSINESS MAN, DIED IN A COMMUNIST PRISON TWO YEARS AGO WITHOUT EVER HAVING BEEN CHARGED. MRS.ELLIOTT IS JOINING HER SONS HERE.

WINTER CLOTHING ALSO IS SCARCE, SHE ADDED. SHE SAID RAINCOATS HAVE ALMOST DISAPPEARED AND THAT SHE HUNTED ALL OVER SHANGHAI FOR A PAIR OF GALOSHES.

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE CALLED ON THE WORLD'S MAJOR POWERS TODAY TO SPEED THEIR RATIFICATION OF THE GENEVA WAR CONVENTIONS.

THE CONVENTIONS, FOR THE PROTECTION OF WAR PRISONERS, WOUNDED COMBATANTS, AND CIVILIANS, WERE SIGNED BY 61 COUNTRIES HERE IN 1949. SO FAR THEY HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY ONLY 31 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING FRANCE AS THE ONLY MAJOR POWER.

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BY MICHAEL GOLDSMITH

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DEC 21 (AP)-IF YOU ARE TALL OR FAT YOU ARE LESS APT TO GET DRUNK THAN IF YOU ARE SHORT OR THIN, THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SAID TODAY.

A WHO REPORT ON METHODS OF TREATING ALCOHOLISM SAID "BODY WEIGHT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN DRUNKENNESS."

ALCOHOL IS RAPIDLY ABSORBED BY THE BLOOD STREAM AND DISSOLVES IN THE WATER WHICH CONSTITUTES TWO-THIRDS OF THE WEIGHT OF THE HUMAN BODY. "IT FOLLOWS THAT A GLASS OF BRANDY DRUNK BY A BIG MAN WILL RESUL IN A WEAKER ALCOHOL SOLUTION THAN IF DRUNK BY A SMALL MAN. THE BIG MAN WILL BE ABLE TO 'TAKE IT' BETTER."

THE REPORT URGED EXTENSION OF "PREVENTIVE EDUCATION" AGAINST ALCOHOLISM AND OF OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WHERE ALCOHOLICS COULD BE TREATED WITHOUT EXCESSIVE DISTURBANCE OF THEIR DAILY LIVES.

THE REPORT--BASED ON FINDINGS OF LEADING EXPERTS FROM NINE COUNTRIES--URGED THAT ALCOHOLISM COULD BE COMBATED SUCCESSFULLY ONLY IF IT WAS TREATED AS A DISEASE RATHER THAN A VICE.

THE REPORT DESCRIBED EXPERIMENTS WITH CATS WHICH PROVIDED GOOD EVIDENCE THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFLICT WAS THE CAUSE OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING. SIXTEEN CATS WERE MADE NEUROTIC BY BEING FRIGHTENED WHEN THEY WERE ABOUT TO TAKE FOOD. THEY WERE THEN GIVEN THE CHOICE OF PURE MILK OR A COCKTAIL OF MILK AND ALCOHOL. "TEN OF THE SIXTEEN NEUROTIC ANIMALS BEGAN TO PREFER THE ALCOHOLIC MILK AND EIGHT OF THEM SOON LEARNED TO SELECT THE COCKTAIL GLASS IN WHICH IT WAS PLACED BEFORE SAMPLING THE MILK IN ANY OTHER RECEPTACLE," THE REPORT SAID. "WHEN THE ANIMALS HAD RECOVERED FROM THEIR NEUROSIS, THEY RETURNED OF THEIR OWN ACCORD TO PLAIN MILK."

THE REPORT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOOD REDUCES THE EFFECT OF ALCOHOL, BUT SAID THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR THE COMMONLY HELD BELIEF THAT STRENUOUS EXERCISE HAS A SIMILAR RESULT.

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BY K BYE
O, NORWAY, DEC. 21 (AP)-FORMER U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL TRYGVE LIE A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW TODAY BLASTED THE KREMLIN FOR FAILURE TO COO TE IN THE UNITED NATIONS, AND PRAISED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AS A "S NG DEFENDER" OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD BODY.
WAS WARY IN COMMENTING ON THE PROSPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FOUR-

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POWER CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, AND SAW "NO PARTICULAR REASON" TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE.

BUT HE WAS LESS RETICENT IN HIS VIEW OF THE SOVIETS. THE LABOR PARTY NEWSPAPER ARBEIDER BLADET QUOTED HIM AS SAYING:

"IN MY TIME AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS I NEVER ENCOUNTERED A SINGLE, HONEST, REALISTIC ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET DELEGATES TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES.

"NARROW PARTY POLITICS, DESIGNED ONLY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SATELLITE STATES, HAS BEEN THE CORE OF THEIR ENFLAMED SPEECHES."

LIE, FORCEFUL AND ROTUND FORMER NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WAS BOYCOTTED BY THE SOVIET BLOC IN THE UNITED NATIONS IN HIS LAST YEARS AS SECRETARY GENERAL, MAINLY BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG STAND ON KOREA.

HE PRAISED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FOR HIS "INVALUABLE WORK FOR THE UNITED NATIONS."

"HE IS A STRONG DEFENDER OF ITS PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION, AND THE SAME MAY BE SAID OF VICE PRESIDENT NIXON.

"EISENHOWER'S SPEECHES SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER HAVE BROUGHT ON A CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN OUTLOOK TOWARD THE UNITED NATIONS, SO THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE NOW SUPPORTS THE ORGANIZATION. TODAY THE REPUBLICANS HAVE THE SAME VIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION HAD BEFORE THEM."

LIE EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, WHOM HE CALLED "THE GREATEST STATESMAN OF HIS TIME -- GREATER THAN STALIN AND CHURCHILL."

"IT WAS ROOSEVELT WHO SAVED DEMOCRACY," HE SAID.

BUT WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF DEMOCRACY, LIE WAS LESS OPTIMISTIC.

"THERE IS NO PARTICULAR REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE WORLD SITUATION TODAY. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED WHICH MAY BE POINTED OUT AS A SIGN OF PEACE," HE SAID.

"NEITHER HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED WHICH INDICATES IMMEDIATE DANGER OR THREAT OF DANGER. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS HAS REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT WAR WILL BE AN IMPOSSIBILITY IN THE MINDS OF SENSIBLE PEOPLE."

"BUT UNFORTUNATELY," HE ADDED, "WE HAVE SEEN THAT NOT EVEN CHIEFS OF STATE ARE NECESSARILY SENSIBLE."

LIE WARNED AGAINST EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM THE NEW SOVIET GOVERNMENT, STATING THAT "THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM" SINCE STALIN'S DEATH.

"PRESUMABLY (PREMIER) MALENKOV HOLDS THE SAME POWER AS DID LENIN AND STALIN, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO DECENTRALIZATION OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP."

"THE ONLY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION IS THE DRIVE FOR INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION AND A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING--IN ITSELF, OF COURSE, A GOOD SIGN."

THE INTERVIEW WITH ARBEIDER BLADET WAS GIVEN BEFORE THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE TEXT OF ITS REPLY TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PLANS FOR AN ATOMIC POOL.

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BERLIN, DEC. 21 (AP)-U.S. ARMY PVT. ROBERT D. BLEVENS WAS CONVICTED TODAY OF CONSPIRING TO LURE AMERICAN SOLDIERS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN AND CONSORTING WITH RED SECRET POLICE. HE WAS SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON.

THE 29-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER FROM OMAHA, NEB., ALSO WAS CONVICTED BY A SEVEN-MEMBER GENERAL COURT MARTIAL OF DESERTING TWICE TO THE RUSSIAN ZONE AND BREAKING OUT OF A U.S. MILITARY STOCKADE IN WEST BERLIN.

THE CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE BERLIN COMMAND, U.S. ARMY EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG, AND IN WASHINGTON.

THE COURT DELIBERATED AN HOUR AND 10 MINUTES IN FINDING BLEVENS GUILTY OF ALL FIVE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

BLEVENS WAS THE FIRST SOLDIER IN THE AMERICAN ARMY CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THE SMITH ACT, WHICH FORBIDS CONSORTING WITH A GROUP ADVOCATING VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE WAS CONVICTED OF AFFILIATING WITH THE EAST GERMAN STATE SECURITY SERVICE, A GESTAPO-LIKE SECRET POLICE AGENCY.

ABOUT A MONTH AGO, ARMY PVT.ROBERT DOREY PLEADED GUILTY TO VIOLATING THE SMITH ACT. HE WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, LATER REDUCED TO 3 YEARS.

BLEVENS WAS CONVICTED ALSO OF CONSPIRING WITH HIS GERMAN GIRL FRIEND, INGRID JONEK, TO ENTICE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN TO DESERT TO THE RUSSIAN ZONE.

THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL, WHICH OPENED DECEMBER 9, BLEVENS ACTED AS HIS OWN DEFENSE LAWYER. FOLLOWING SUMMATIONS BY BOTH SIDES, BLEVENS ROSE IN COURT TO SAY: "I NEVER BETRAYED MY COUNTRY. I AM AN AMERICAN ALL THE WAY." HE ADDED: "THE ONLY ADVICE I CAN GIVE IS TO STAY AWAY FROM GERMAN WOMEN." HE SAID HIS GIRL FRIEND "MAY HAVE BEEN" A RUSSIAN SPY AND MAY STILL BE ONE.

IN A SUMMATION FOR THE PROSECUTION, CAPT. JAMES J.SOUSA, OF HUDSON, MASS., CALLED BLEVENS' ACTIONS "A CASE OF BETRAYAL" OF HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COUNTRY.

"SHORT OF TAKING A WEAPON AND FIRING BACK ON AMERICAN LINES," SOUSA SAID, BLEVENS HAD DONE "EVERYTHING HE COULD TO DEFEAT THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH WE ARE HERE."

HE SAID BLEVENS "PLAYED FOOTSIE" WITH RUSSIANS.

MAJ. SUMNER BROWN OF HYDE PARK, MASS., COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL, SAID IN A DEFENSE SUMMATION THAT BLEVENS "IN A SENSE, THREW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE COURT."

BROWN ARGUED THAT BLEVENS DID NOT INTEND TO DESERT AND THAT HE WENT TO EAST GERMANY THROUGH A SENSE OF ADVENTURE, BECAUSE HE WAS DRUNK AT THE TIME, AND BECAUSE OF A "FINAL BREAKUP" OF HIS THIRD MARRIAGE.

BLEVENS WAS CONVICTED OF DESERTING TO THE EAST LAST FEBRUARY AND AGAIN LAST MAY, AND OF BREAKING OUT OF AN ARMY STOCKADE IN BETWEEN TIMES. HE WAS A MEMBER OF A FOOD INSPECTION DETACHMENT IN WEST BERLIN.

BLEVENS PUT HIMSELF ON THE STAND TWICE DURING THE TRIAL. A LARGE PART OF THE TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES ON BOTH SIDES WAS GIVEN IN SECRET COURT SESSIONS BECAUSE OF SECURITY INFORMATION INVOLVED.

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BERLIN, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE SUPREME COURT OF COMMUNIST-RULED EAST GERMANY TODAY SENTENCED SEVEN GERMANS CHARGED WITH SPYING FOR THE WEST TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM 12 YEARS TO LIFE.

THE MAIN DEFENDANT, WALTER SCHNEIDER, A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE SOVIET ZONE RECONSTRUCTION MINISTRY UNTIL HIS RECENT ARREST, AND THE ONLY WEST BERLIN DEFENDANT, WERNER HAASE, WERE GIVEN LIFE TERMS. AN EAST GERMAN, KARL-HEINZ SCHMIDT, ALSO WAS GIVEN A LIFE SENTENCE.

THREE SOVIET ZONE RESIDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS. ANOTHER ONE GOT 12 YEARS.

THE STATE PROSECUTOR HAD ACCUSED THE SEVEN OF BUILDING UP AN AGENTS' NETWORK IN EAST GERMANY IN THE SERVICE OF A "U.S.-SPONSORED" WEST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION.

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC. 21 (AP)-OSKAR MUELLER, FORMER COMMUNIST DEPUTY IN THE BONN PARLIAMENT, WAS ARRESTED HERE TONIGHT ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING HIGH TREASON AGAINST THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, POLICE SAID.

HE WAS THE THIRD FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO BE SEIZED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS ON WARRANTS ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR AT KARLSRUHE. THE OTHER TWO WERE FRITZ RISCHE AND HUGO PAUL. ALL THREE HELD HIGH POSTS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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BONN, GERMANY, DEC 21 (AP)-WEST GERMAN SOCIALISTS TONIGHT REPORTED THAT THE WESTERN POWERS ARE STUDYING A PLAN TO RAISE 25 GERMAN DIVISIONS UNDER DIRECT NATO COMMAND INSTEAD OF THROUGH THE LAGGING EUROPEAN ARMY PACT.

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PRESS SERVICE SAID WESTERN MILITARY EXPERTS NO LONGER REGARDED THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY AS POSSIBLE OF REALIZATION AND WERE CONSIDERING THREE ALTERNATIVES.

QUOTING "ALLIED CIRCLES" THE AGENCY SAID THE THREE POSSIBILITIES WERE:

1. DIRECT INCLUSION OF WEST GERMANY INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY DEFENSE COMMUNITY. THE AGENCY SAID AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVED THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE VETOED BY THE FRENCH.

W. A "COALITION ARMY" COMPOSED OKHNATIONAL FORCES OF A GROUP OF NATIONS--INCLUDING WEST GERMANY--SUCH AS WAS ONCE SUGGESTED BY FRENCH GEN. CHARLES DE GAULLE. THIS WOULD BE A LOOSER COMBINATION THAN THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, WHICH CALLS FOR SOME SACRIFICE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY FROM EACH MEMBER NATION.

3. A MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY.

THE SOCIALIST NEWS SERVICE SAID THAT IN ALL THREE CASES WESTERN MILITARY MEN WERE SETTING THEIR SIGHTS HIGHER THAN THE 12 GERMAN DIVISIONS PLANNED FOR THE EUROPEAN ARMY AND WERE THINKING OF 20 TO 25 DIVISIONS.

THE GERMAN SOCIALISTS HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY.

WHILE THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO RESOLVE THEIR INTERNAL CONFLICT OVER WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR EUROPEAN ARMY PLAN, RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL ALLIED SOURCES IN WESTERN GERMANY HAVE KEPT STRICTL TO THE OFFICIAL LINE OF OPTIMISM THAT THE E.D.C. PACT WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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LONDON, DEC. 21 (AP)-WEST GERMANY PLANS A NEW KIND OF "CITIZEN SOLDIER" ARMY, TRAINED IN DEMOCRACY AND COMPLETELY DIVORCED FROM THE OLD PRUSSIAN MILITARY SPIRIT, THE BONN REPUBLIC'S DEFENSE CHIEF, THEODOR BLANK, SAID TODAY.

WRITING IN THE LONDON TIMES, BLANK SAID "A SOUND TRAINING IN

CIVIS WILL BE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE NEW GERMAN SOLDIER, FOR IN THE PAST HE SHARED WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NATION A FATEFUL INCLINATION TO HOLD ALOOF FROM POLITICS AND TO SEEK HIS IDEAL IN SERVICE PURE AND SIMPLE."

"WITH THESE MEASURES," HE ADDED, "GOES THE GRANT TO ALL SOLDIERS OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE. X X X IN THE WEIMAR GERMANY THE SOLDIER OF THE REICHSWEHR DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE."

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BLANK, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL GERMAN OFFICE FOR SECURITY AND DEFENSE, SAID THE BONN GOVERNMENT "TAKES THE VIEW THAT IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION SUCH A CONTRIBUTION (OF GERMAN FORCES) IS REQUIRED FOR THE SAFETY OF EUROPE AND GERMANY. THE BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS ON SEPT. 6 PROVED THAT, IN SPITE OF MANY RESERVATIONS, A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE SUPPORTED THIS POLICY."

"IN OUR PROGRAM," BLANK DECLARED, "WE TALK OF THE CITIZEN IN UNIFORM. WHAT IS MEANT IS THAT THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE DEFENSE OF A SYSTEM IS A MAN WHO BELIEVES IN IT AND WHO IN THE POSITION HE FILLS, FEELS HIMSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHAPING OF IT.

"THE IDEAL OF THE MERE SOLDIER MUST NOT DEVELOP. IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, IT IS A MATTER OF COMBINING THE VALUES EMBODIED IN THE CONCEPT OF THE CITIZEN AND IN THAT OF THE SOLDIER. OFTEN IN THE GERMAN PAST THESE TWO CONCEPTS WERE SET IN OPPOSITION."

IN ANY CASE, BLANK SAID, "GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT MUST AND WILL RETAIN IN THEIR OWN HANDS THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. THE WILL AND THE MEANS TO DO SO ARE PRESENT IN GERMANY TODAY."

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DECLARED TODAY THE STATE TREATY DRAFTED BY THE BIG FOUR OCCUPATION POWERS PREVENTS AUSTRIA FROM SETTLING JEWISH CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE HITLEER ERA.

THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED A LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE IN ANSWER TO CHARGES LAST WEEK BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FAVORS FORMER NAZIS OVER THE JEWS.

THE CONFERENCE OF JEWISH CLAIMS ON AUSTRIA, HEADED BY GOLDMANN, HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH AUSTRIA SINCE JUNE FOR REPARATION WHICH MAY RUN UP TO 100 MILLION DOLLARS. THE CLAIMS INCLUDE ABOUT 12 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF HEIRLESS PROPERTY.

THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE QUOTED A LETTER SENT TO GOLDMANN ON NOV. 13 BY CHANCELLOR JULIUS RAAB, IN WHICH RAAB SAID THE GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF PERSONS PERSECUTED BY THE NAZIS, BEFORE AND AFTER THE NAZI OCCUPATION IN 1938 AND DURING THE WAR.

RAAB STATED, HOWEVER, THAT "AS LONG AS A STATE TREATY HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUDED, AUSTRIA IS HANDICAPPED IN TAKING A NUMBER OF MEASURES" TO HELP THESE PERSECUTED PERSONS.

"AMONG OTHER THINGS," HE SAID, "THE PERIOD OF FILING CLAIMS FOR RESTITUTION WILL ONLY COME TO AN END SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A STATE TREATY. AS LONG AS ONE CAN COUNT ON RECEIVING SUCH APPLICATIONS, ONE CANNOT FULFILL THE (JEWISH) WISHES TO RECEIVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY."

RAAB CHARGED THE JEWISH COMMITTEE HAD "APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED" THAT THE NAZIS CARRIED OUT PERSECUTION OF A LARGE PART OF THE AUSTRIAN POPULATION. HE SAID IT WOULD BE A BREACH OF THE CONSTITUTION "IF ONE-SIDED MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO EASE THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL VICTIMS OF THIS PERSECUTION."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO THE JEWISH CHARGES, THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN AUSTRIA'S DESIRE TO SETTLE THE ISSUE OF THE HEIRLESS PROPERTY. BUT, IT ADDED, "AUSTRIA CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO ENTER ANY COMMITMENTS CONCERNING A LUMP PAYMENT FOR THIS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY" NOW FOR THREE REASONS:

1. BECAUSE THE NATION HAS NO SOVEREIGNTY IN HER LEGISLATION,
2. BECAUSE EVEN IF THE BIG FOUR ALLIED COUNCIL AGREED TO ALLOW AUSTRIA TO MOVE UP THE DEADLINE FOR RESTITUTION CLAIMS, IT WAS STILL POSSIBLE THAT CLAIMS COULD BE FILED UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE STATE TREATY WHICH SET A DEADLINE OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE TREATY'S CONCLUSION,
3. BECAUSE THE STATE TREATY PROVIDES THAT "PROPERTY UNCLAIMED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF CLAIM" SHOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSES ON WHICH THERE WAS PRIOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE BIG FOUR.

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BY RICHARD O'REGAN

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 21 (AP)-COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA REVAMPED ITS FARM POLICIES AGAIN TODAY AS REPORTS REACHING VIENNA TOLD OF CHRISTMAS HUNGER AND SHORTAGES.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY--AFTER AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING--ANNOUNCED:

1. A 14-18 PER CENT REDUCTION OF OBLIGATORY DELIVERIES OF VARIOUS FARM PRODUCTS TO THE STATE, PLUS OTHER MEASURES TO BRING FARM PRODUCE OUT OF HOARDING, AND

THE GOVERNMENTS OF 49 COUNTRIES ARRIVED AT

2. PLANS TO ORDER BACK TO THE FARMS ALL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS NOW WORKING IN INDUSTRY AND TRADE.

THE MEASURES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ORDERED BECAUSE A RADICAL CHANGE IN POLICY IN OCTOBER, GIVING "FULL SUPPORT" FOR PRIVATE FARMERS, MAY NOT HAVE BROUGHT THE SUCCESS IN INCREASING FOOD SUPPLIES FOR WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HOPED.

THE MEASURES INDICATED THAT FARMERS--PRIVATE AS WELL AS COLLECTIVE--WERE HOLDING BACK CROPS FROM STATE COLLECTORS. COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER ADMISSIONS, PLUS LETTERS REACHING VIENNA, TEND TO CONFIRM THAT.

THE NEWSPAPER PRUJOB IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF USTI NAD LABEM DECLARED RECENTLY:

"THE MOST NECESSARY FOODS ARE OFTEN A RARITY HERE. FOR INSTANCE, MOST RECENTLY, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET FLOUR, SUGAR, GROATS, OR FAT. THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES WITH MILK. BY FAR THE WORSE SITUATION IS ALMOST DAILY COMPLAINTS."

THE SHORTAGES ARE NOT ONLY IN THE CITIES. THE PRAGUE NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO, TALKING ABOUT COUNTRY DISTRICTS, SAID: "THE CHOICE IS VERY SMALL AND COUNTRY PEOPLE MUST GO TO THE COUNTRY TOWNS. IN THE COUNTY OF KARLOVY VARY, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE BASKET OF VEGETABLES DELIVERED IN WEEKS."

LETTERS FROM PRAGUE REACHING CZECHS IN VIENNA SAY STATE DELICATESSENS IN THE CAPITAL SHOW FOOD ITEMS BUT THEY ARE MOSTLY BEYOND THE AVERAGE MAN'S BYING POWER.

ONE LETTER SAID A FAMILY WAS LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS COCOA FOR ITS CHILDREN AND THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND. ONCE FOUND, "A WORKER MUST WORK 58 HOURS SO HE CAN BUY A KILO (2.2 POUNDS) OF IT. THIS IS NO LIFE ANY MORE."

ON TOP OF FOOD SHORTAGES, PRAGUE NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY HAVE INDICATED NATIONWIDE POWER SHORTAGES. LETTERS FROM PRAGUE COMPLAIN THAT THEY MUST BE WRITTEN BY OIL LAMPS BECAUSE POWER IS CUT OFF IN THE CITY AT NIGHT EVERY SECOND OR THIRD WEEK.

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NIGHT LEAD TITO (260)

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC.21 (AP)-PRESIDENT TITO SAID TODAY YUGOSLAVIA PULLED HER TROOPS BACK FROM THE TRIESTE BORDER BECAUSE DANGER OF AGGRESSION IN THAT AREA HAS CEASED.

TITO MADE THE STATEMENT ON THE HEELS OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YUGOSLAV AND ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS FACING EACH OTHER AT THE FRONTIERS SINCE OCTOBER, HAVE BOTH BEEN WITHDRAWN AND THAT ONLY NORMAL BORDER PATROLS REMAIN.

COMMENTING ON THE TRIESTE CRISIS, TITO TOLD THE YUGOSLAV ARMY PAPER THAT HIS FORCES HAD ACTED PROMPTLY WHEN "OUR VITAL INTERESTS WERE JEOPARDIZED."

"BUT WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE DANGER CEASED, OUR ARMY WITHDREW INTO ITS BARRACKS," HE ADDED.

YUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY MOVED HEAVY ARMY CONCENTRATIONS UP TO THEIR COMMON FRONTIERS AFTER THE BRITISH-AMERICAN ANNOUNCEMENT OCT.8 THAT THE TRIESTE ZONE UNDER ALLIED CONTROL, INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC PORT WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO ITLIAN CONTROL.

TITO THREATENED TO MARCH INTO TRIESTE IF THE ITALIANS DID.

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THE ALLIED DECISION HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE, PENDING EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE THROUGH BIG THREE-BACKED NEGOTIATIONS.

IN HIS STATEMENT--MADE ON THE EVE OF YUGOSLAV ARMY DAY--TITO PRAISED HIS FORCES FOR THEIR READINESS AND ALERTNESS.

COMPARING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY WITH THE GROWTH OF ARMIES "OF THE CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION," TITO SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S ARMY IS A PART OF THE PEOPLE, WHILE "THE ARMIES IN THE WEST AND IN THE SOVIET UNION ARE ARTIFICIALLY SEPARATED FROM THE PEOPLE."

TITO BLAMED THE "CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION" FOR TRAINING THEIR ARMIES "ONLY FOR CONQUEST" AND TO CREATE "MILITARY INSTRUMENTS READY TO FIGHT EVEN AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE.

TITO DECLARED THAT THE YUGOSLAV ARMY'S AIM IS TO DEFEND PEACE AND THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION TO CONQUER FOREIGN LAND."

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NIGHT LEAD YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC. 21 (AP)-YUGOSLAVIA DECIDED TODAY TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ALBANIA--LAST OF THE COMINFORM CLIQUE TO OFFER TO PATCH UP THE FEUD WITH PRESIDENT TITO'S REGIME.

A FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT ALBANIA'S OFFER TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS, CAME ONLY 10 DAYS AFTER THE TWO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SIGNED A PACT AIMED AT PREVENTING FURTHER BORDER INCIDENTS.

YUGOSLAVIA SHUTTERED HER LEGATION IN TIRANA IN NOVEMBER, 1949, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COMINFORM COUNTRIES' CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOWING TITO'S BREAK WITH MOSCOW IN 1948.

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MOSCOW, TUESDAY, DEC. 21 (AP)-FOR THE FOURTH DAY THE SOVIET PRESS REPORTED TODAY HUGE MASS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE NATION DEMANDED DEATH FOR LAVRENTY P. BERIA, FORMER POLICE AND INTERIOR MINISTRY BOSS, AND HIS SIX ASSOCIATES WHO ARE ACCUSED OF TREASON.

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UNDATED BERIA (375)

BY TOM WHITNEY

(AP FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT WHO SPENT NINE YEARS IN THE SOVIET UNION)

THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE IS DOING ITS UTMOST HOUR AFTER HOUR TO WHIP THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE INTO A FRENZY OF HATE AGAINST LAVRENTY P.BERIA AS THE PROBABLE PRELUDE TO THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAS BEEN SHOT.

BERIA AND HIS SIX ALLEGED ACCOMPLICES MAY ALREADY BE DEAD.

DISPATCHES SINCE SATURDAY SHOW AN INTENSE NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN OF DENUNCIATION AND VILIFICATION OF BERIA HAS BEEN GOING ALL OVER THE U.S.S.R. AT ALL THESE MEETINGS -- ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED, OF COURSE, FROM MOSCOW -- SPEAKERS DEMANDED THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE "CRIMINAL." THUS THE END OF THE BERIA CASE WAS APPROACHING.

BUT THE REAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE FALLEN SOVIET POLICE CHIEF WAS NOT IN FACT BEING TRIED POSTHUMOUSLY.

THE LAW UNDER WHICH HIS TRIAL WAS ORDERED PROVIDES A PROCEDURE WHICH MIGHT MEAN THAT NOT EVEN THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT PASING SENTENCE ON BERIA AND HIS ASSOCIATES WOULD KNOW ACTUALLY WHETHER HE WAS STILL LIVING. THIS TRIAL PROCEDURE HAS THE DEFENDANTS TRIED IN THEIR ABSENCE AND IN SECRET.

WHY DID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE THIS PROCEDURE FOR HIS TRIAL IF BERIA AND THE OTHER DEFENDANTS WERE STILL ALIVE? ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE REVIVAL OF THE BERIA CASE NEARLY SIX MONTHS AFTER HIS ARREST WAS OBVIOUSLY TO CONVINCE RUSSIANS OF HIS GUILT.

THE TERMS USED IN THE MASS MEETINGS TO DENOUNCE BERIA WERE HIGHLY REMINISCENT OF THOSE USED 11 MONTHS AGO TO DENOUNCE AND VILIFY THE SOVIET DOCTORS WHO WERE ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING SOVIET LEADERS. THE ACCUSED DOCTORS WERE FREED LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THEY WERE CHARGED.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SAID THE WHOLE DOCTORS' "PLOT" WAS A FRAMEUP, AND THAT THEIR "CONFESSIONS" WERE OBTAINED BY "ILLEGAL AND IMPERMISSIBLE" METHODS.

CAMPAIGNS OF DENUNCIATION IN RUSSIA TAKE PLACE ONLY WHEN ORDERED. THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE DEVICE IN THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA ARSENAL FOR GETTING PUBLIC SENTIMENT BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT, CRUSHING OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT POLICIES, AND AROUSING RUSSIAN EMOTIONS.

THE MASS MEETINGS ORGANIZED DURING SUCH DRIVES TAKE PLACE AT PLACES OF WORK, AND ATTENDANCE AT THEM IS MANDATORY. AUDIENCES PRESENT LISTEN TO A SUCCESSION OF SPEAKERS WHO USE EXTREME TERMS OF DENUNCIATION AND CONDEMNATION AND RE-ECHO THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LINE. BESIDES THE "DOCTORS' PLOT" MASS MEETING CAMPAIGN LAST JANUARY ONE OF THE MORE RECNT SUCH EFFORTS TO DRUM UP FURY AMONG RUSSIANS WAS THAT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CHARGES OF MERICAN GERM WARFARE IN KOREA.

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B26 (SEG)

1953

(250)

COLOMBO, CEYLON, DEC. 21 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER SIR JOHN KOTELAWELA SAYS THAT RUSSIA HAS SENT MONEY THROUGH SWITZERLAND TO CEYLAN'S COMMUNIST PARTY.

"ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO POWER TO STOP PEOPLE FROM SENDING MONEY TO THI COUNTRY," HE DECLARED, "I'VE ORDERED THE BANK TO STOP PAYMENT UNTIL WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT."

KOTELAWELA, ADDRESSING A MEETING YESTERDAY IN THE SOUTH CEYLON TOWN OF KALUTARA, SAID HE WASN'T SURE OF THE AMOUNT OF THE ALLEGED PAYMENT, BUT IT WAS EITHER 7,000 RUPEES ($1,470) OR 7,000 POUNDS STERLING ($19,600).

COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY S.A.WICKREMASINGHE CHALLENGED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVE HIS PARTY HAD RECEIVED MONEY FROM RUSSIA OR FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY. HE SAID THE CHARGE WAS ONLY A "POOR ATTEMPT TO PROVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS AN IMPORTED THING."

A PARTY SPOKESMAN SAID KOTELAWELA MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO A DONATION OF 300 POUNDS ($840) RECEIVED FOR VICTIMS OF POLICE GUNFIRE IN RIOTS LAST AUGUST. HE ASSERTED THAT THE MONEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PARTY AND CAME FROM THE COMMUNIST-LED WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU).

THOUGH HE IS CONTINUING CEYLON'S AGREEMENT TO SHIP RUBBER TO COMMUNIST CHINA IN EXCHANGE FOR RICE, NEGOTIATED BY DUDLEY SENANAYAKE'S GOVERNMENT, KOTELAWELA HAS BEEN PURSUING A COLD POLICY TOWARD THE REDS.

A WEEK AGO HE ANNOUNCED HE HAD REJECTED AN OVERTURE FROM PEIPING TO SEND A CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION TO CEYLON. HE SAID OTHER THAN THE TRADE AGREEMENT, "CEYLON HAS NO OTHER FRIENDSHIP OR DEALING WITH COMMUNIST CHINA, NOR DOES SHE WANT TO."

RK620AES

A111

(140)

JERUSALEM, ISRAELI SECTION, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE ISRAEL-JORDAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TODAY CENSURED BOTH COUNTRIES FOR "BRUTAL AND BARBARIC KILLINGS."

THE COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF ISRAELI AND JORDAN DELEGATES WITH A NEUTRAL UNITED NATIONS CHAIRMAN, PASSED TWO RESOLUTIONS AT TWO SEPARATE EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

THE FIRST RESOLUTION SAID THE "BRUTAL KILLING OF TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS AND THE LOOTING OF THEIR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT BY ARMED JORDANIAN NON-REGULARS ON DEC.16 NEAR BEIR GOVRIN IS A BREACH" OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE SECOND RESOLUTION STATED THAT THE "BARBARIC KILLING OF AN ARAB LEGION MEDICAL OFFICER ON DEC. 18 ON THE HEBRON-BETHLEHEM MAIN ROAD BY ARMED ISRAELI NON-REGULARS IS A BREACH" OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE COMMISSION DEMANDED THAT ISRAELI AND JORDAN AUTHORITIES TAKE THE STRONGEST MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH ACTS.

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30.24- 16133

A95 (370)

AMMAN, JORDAN, DEC. 21 (AP)-PREMIER FAWZI EL MULKI SAID TODAY THAT JORDAN'S GOVERNMENT IS CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO TALKS WITH ISRAEL AIMED AT MODIFYING OR SUSPENDING THE PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IN AN INTERVIEW, HE SAID THE SEVEN OTHER ARAB STATES HAVE INFORMED JORDAN THEY AGREE WITH HER REJECTION OF SUCH TALKS. A FORMAL REPLY TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE MADE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AFTER THE ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETS TO DRAFT A UNANIMOUS NOTE ON THE SUBJECT.

ISRAEL DEMANDED DIRECT TALKS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH REFERS TO DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT THE ALTERATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE ARMISTICE.

ISRAEL PRESSED FOR SUCH TALKS AFTER THE KIBYA VILLAGE MASSACRE ON OCT. 14 WHEN MORE THAN 60 ARABS WERE KILLED DURING AN ISRAELI BORDER RAID. THE ISRAELIS BLAME INADEQUATE ARMISTICE MACHINERY FOR THE INCIDENT AND HAVE CALLED FOR TALKS TO REVISE THE ARMISTICE. THE SECURITY COUNCIL CENSURED ISRAEL FOR THE ATTACK DESPITE ISRAELI CONTENTIONS THAT THE ATTACK WAS MADE BY LOCAL MEN AFTER A SERIES OF JORDAN PROVOCATIONS.

EL MULKI INSISTED THAT THE PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS ADEQUATE IF THE ISRAELIS WILL ENFORCE IT.

THE PREMEDIATED KIBYA ATTACK DID NOT RESULT FROM A FAULTY ARMISTICE," EL MULKI DECLARED. "IT WAS A CAREFULLY PLANNED ATTACK BY ISRAELI ARMED FORCES AGAINST A VILLAGE OF SLEEPING ARAB CIVILIANS. ISRAEL HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THIS ATTACK, AND NOW SHE HAS THE AUDACITY TO DEMAND DIRECT TALKS TO REVISE AN ARMISTICE WHICH SHE DELIBERATELY VIOLATED."

THE PREMIER SAID JORDAN WOULD AGREE TO MEASU FOR INCREASING THE TRUCE'S EFFECTIVENESS. HE SUGGESTED MORE U. . OBSERVERS BE PUT ON THE FRONTIER AND THAT THE OBSERVERS BE GIVEN MORE AUTHORITY TO HANDLE PROBLEMS ON THE SPOT."

ASKED ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROPOSAL FOR A TVA TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE JORDAN RIVER VALLEY THE PREMIER SAID JORDAN OPPOSES ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL BUT THAT THE WHOLE PROBLEM IS A MATTER FOR THE ENTIRE ARAB LEAGUE.

EL MULKI SAID HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE JORDAN RIVER PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

SINCE THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE COOPERATION OF SYRIA, ISRAEL AND JORDAN, THE PREMIER SAID HE WAS SURE THE LEAGUE WOULD REJECT IT.

EL MULKI SAID HE FAVORED PROCEEDING WITH JORDAN'S OWN YARMUK RIVER PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES SYRIA AND JORDAN AND WOULD NOT TOUCH ISRAEL.

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B42 (160)

NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINESE

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE FRENCH ARMY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT IT HAS KNOCKED OUT A COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH BATTALION IN A MOP-UP DRIVE SOUTHEAST OF THE RED RIVER DELTA AND KILLED 107 VIETMINH SOLDIERS.

AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID THE WEEK-LONG FRENCH-VIETNAM OPERATION, SPEARHEADED BY TANKS, INVOLVED 500 VILLAGES IN THE THAI BINH SECTOR, 55 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI.

HE SAID THE CLEANUP ALSO NETTED 1,543 TROOPS SUSPECTED OF AIDING THE VIETMINH TROOPS.

THE VIETMINH WERE REPORTED TO HAVE PULLED DOWN REGULAR BATTALIONS SOUTHWARD AS THE MOP-UP PROGRESSED, LEAVING FIVE REGIONAL BATTALION OF SOME 600 MEN TO OPPOSE THE DRIVE.

THE ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID THE FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE SUFFERED "APPRECIABLE" LOSSES IN SMASHING THE VIETMINH BATTALION. HE REPORTED

THE GOVERNMENTS OF 49 COUNTRIES ARRIVED AT

SEIZURE OF BIG QUANTITIES OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND RICE SUPPLIES STORED BY THE VIETMINH IN UNDERGROUND PASSAGES IN SCORES OF VILLAGES.
THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE AN ATTACK IS IMMINENT IN NORTHWEST INDOCHINA BY VIETMINH DIVISION 316 AGAINST FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE ENTRENCHED ON THE DIEN BIEN PHU PLAIN 180 MILES WEST OF HANOI.
SN830PES

B34 (Q)
SAIGON, INDOCHINA, DEC. 21 (AP)-COMMUNIST HO CHI-MINH'S REBEL GOVERNMENT WILL RELEASE SEVERAL HUNDRED FRENCH AND AFRICAN PRISONERS OF WAR FOR CHRISTMAS, THE VIETMINH RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY.
FRENCH SOURCES SAID THAT THE REBELS ARE HOLDING AROUND 5,000 FRENCH AND AFRICANS CAPTURED IN THE SEVEN YEARS OF INDOCHINA FIGHTING.
MOST OF THE PRISONERS ARE HELD IN DETENTION CAMPS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION OF TONKIN AND IN NORTH ANNAM. THE FRENCH ARMY RECENTLY PARACHUTED PACKAGES OF CLOTHES, BOOKS AND MEDICINES TO THEM.
TA743AES

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A107
NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 21 (AP)-INDIA IS HOLDING 177 PERSONS, MOSTLY COMMUNISTS, WITHOUT TRIAL, HOME MINISTER K.N. KATJU TOLD PARLIAMENT TODAY.
HE WAS DEFENDING A MOTION THAT THE PREVENTIVE DETENTION ACT OF 1950 SHOULD RUN ITS NORMAL TERM UNTIL THE END OF NEXT YEAR.
AMID GOVERNMENT CHEERS, KATJU SAID: "AS LONG AS THIS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES IN POWER, WE SHALL NEVER TOLERATE PREACHING VIOLENCE AND WE WILL STOP IT TO THE BEST OF OUR POWER."
QR1045PES

B31 (Q)
NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 21 (AP)-AN INDO-PAKISTAN EXPERT COMMITTEE ON DISPUTED KASHMIR MET HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY TO DISCUSS PRELIMINARY ISSUES INVOLVED IN HOLDING A PLEBISCITE IN THE DISPUTED STATE.
THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED AS A RESULT OF PRIME MINISTER NEHRU'S AGREEMENT IN AUGUST WITH PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMED ALI.
HOME MINISTER K.N. KATJU TOLD QUESTIONERS IN PARLIAMENT TODAY THAT THE TGOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN THE PAST SIX YEARS HAS LOANED 69 MILLION RUPEES ($14,596,000) TO KASHMIR. PART WENT TO COVER BUDGET DEFICITS EVERY YEAR BUT MOST OF THE MONEY WAS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.
TA731AES

A103
120)
TEHRAN, IRAN, DEC.21 (AP)-FIVE BRITISH DIPLOMATS ARRIVED HERE BY AIR TODAY TO CLOSE A 14-MONTH GAP IN IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN.
HERE TO REOPEN THE BRITISH EMBASSY--CLOSED BY FORMER PREMIER MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL DISPUTE--WAS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DENNIS WRIGHT.
HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY J.T.FEARNLEY, SECOND SECRETARIES C.D.WIGGIN, A.T.FRANKS AND D.W.M.PIERROTTI, AND 10 EMBASSY STAFF AIDES.
THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC TEAM WAS GREETED BY AN IRANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE PROTOCOL OFFICIAL, U.S. COUNSELLOR WILLIAM ROUNTREE AND SWISS MINISTER ALFRED ESCHER, WHO HANDLED BRITISH AFFAIRS IN IRAN DURING THE DIPLOMATIC BREAK.
APPROACHES TO THE AIRPORT WERE BRISTLING WITH POLICE AND TROOPS, THEIR WEAPONS AT THE READY AGAINST POSSIBLE ANTI-BRITISH DEMONSTRATIONS.
AS WRIGHT RODE WITH ESCHER THROUGH THE BIG IRON-GRILL ENTRANCE GATE, TWO TRUCKLOADS OF SOLDIERS AND A JEEPLOAD OF DETECTIVES WERE POSTED ACROSS THE STREET. PATROLS OF SIX SOLDIERS EACH, CARRYING FIXED BAYONETS, MOVED AROUND THE HIGH WALLS OF THE EMBASSY. THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ANTI-BRITISH TROUBLE.
WHILE ESCHER WAS IN CHARGE OF BRITISH AFFAIRS DURING THE BREAK, HE ALSO WATCHED OVER THE EMBASY BUILDING. THE SWISS FLAG STILL FLEW OVER THE EMBASSY WHEN WRIGHT ENTERED. THE BRITISH FLAG WILL BE RAISED WHEN THE IRANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE FO

THE EMBASSY WHEN WRIGHT ENTERED. THE BRITISH FLAG WILL BE RAISED WHEN THE IRANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE FORMALLY HANDS THE EMBASSY KEYS TO WRIGHT.
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1953

A218
NIGHT LEAD ATOMIC (550)
BY RICHARD KASISCHKE
MOSCOW, DEC.21 (AP)-RUSSIA ANNOUNCED TONIGHT IT IS WILLING TO TAKE PART IN TALKS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD ATOMIC POOL BUT SAID SUCH A CONFERENCE MUST CONSIDER A RUSSIAN PLAN FOR A COMPLETE BAN ON ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS.
"AS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT ON THE CONFIDENTIAL OR DIPLOMATIC TALKS CONCERNING HIS PROPOSAL, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING CONSISTENTLY ITS PEACE-LOVING POLICY, EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO TAKE PART IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS," A KREMLIN NOTE DECLARED.
BUT THE NOTE ADDED THAT THE CONFERENCES ALSO SHOULD TAKE UP THESE SOVIET PROPOSALS:
"THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE AGREEMENT, MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSION, SHOULD TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL OBLIGATION NOT TO USE THE ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
"THE SIGNING OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION COULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE PATH OF THE COMPLETE BANNING OF ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL TO INSURE THE FULFILMENT OF THE AGREEMENT BANNING THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR WAR PURPOSES."
THE NOTE EXPRESSING THIS QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT MADE BEFORE THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS HANDED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR CHARLES E.BOHLEN BY SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER V.M.MOLOTOV.
THE SOVIET STATEMENT COMPLAINED THE EISENHOWER SUGGESTION--THAT THE WORLD'S ATOMIC POWERS POOL SOME OF THEIR NUCLEAR RAW MATERIALS AND KNOW-HOW FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES--WAS NOT SUFFICIENT OR EVEN CLEAR.
THE NOTE ASKED FOR "NECESSARY CLARIFICATION" OF THE EISENHOWER PROPOSAL, SINCE "IN ITS PRESENT FORM IT IS NOT CLEAR AND DOES NOT ENVISAGE THE NECESSITY OF FORBIDDING THE ATOMIC WEAPON."
(SIMILAR SOVIET DEMANDS FOR AN IMMEDIATE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE DEADLOCKED EFFORTS TO REACH SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THE UNITED STATES INSISTS THAT A STEP-BY-STEP SYSTEM OF PROGRESSIVE CONTROLS AND INSPECTION MUST BE BUILT UP BEFORE AN EFFECTIVE BAN CAN BE IMPOSED ON SUCH WEAPONS. RUSSIA HAS DEMANDED THE BAN BE AGREED TO FIRST AND THE CONTROLS AND INSPECTION BE WORKED OUT AFTERWARD.

A219
(IN HIS DRAMATIC ADDRESS BEFORE THE U.N. DEC.8, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER--FRESH FROM TALKS IN BERMUDA WITH PREMIERS CHURCHILL AND LANIEL--TOOK NOTE OF THIS DEADLOCK AND PROPOSED THAT A NEW APPROACH BE MADE BY COOPERATING FIRST ON A LIMITED SCALE FOR DEVELOPING PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.)
THE MOSCOW STATEMENT DECLARED RUSSIA HAS CARRIED ON A "CONSISTENT STRUGGLE" FOR THE ATOMIC WEAPONS BAN AND FOR "REDUCTION OF ALL OTHER

FORMS OF WEAPONS."

NOTING THAT EISENHOWER ALSO PLEADED FOR REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSION, THE NOTE SAID "THIS ALSO CORRESPONDS TO THE FEELINGS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS CONTINUALLY TRYING TO REDUCE WORLD TENSION AND IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

BUT THE NOTE COMPLAINED THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CALLED FOR SETTING ASIDE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF U.S. ATOM RESOURCES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

"IT FOLLOWS FROM THIS," THE NOTE SAID, "THAT THE MAIN MASS OF ATOMIC MATERIAL, AS BEFORE, WILL BE DIRECTED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS AND THAT THERE WILL REMAIN A COMPLETE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER ACCUMULATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AND THE CREATION OF NEW TYPES OF THESE WEAPONS, WITH STILL MORE DESTRUCTIVE POWER. CONSEQUENTLY THIS PROPOSAL IN ITS PRESENT FORM IN NO WAY BINDS THE HANDS OF STATES WHICH HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS."

"SECONDLY, EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL IN NO WAY LIMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE ATOMIC WEAPON. THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD IN NO WAY RESTRICT THE AGGRESSOR FROM USING ATOMIC WEAPONS OF ANY MEANS OR AT ANY TIME.

"CONSEQUENTLY,HTHIS PROPOSAL IN NO WAY REDUCES THE DANGER OF AN ATOMIC ATTACK. THUS THE CONCLUSION FOLLOWS THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM THE (EISENHOWER) PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD NEITHER STOPS THE GROWING PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS NOR LIMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF THOSE WEAPONS."

THE NOTE SAID THE SOVIET UNION IS CONVINCED MANKIND "MUST BE PROTECTED FROM THE HORRORS OF ATOMIC WAR." IT ALSO DECLARED:

"IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INCOMPREHENSIBLE IF THE STATES POSSESSING ATOMIC OR HYDROGEN WEAPONS FAILED TO ATTACH DUE IMPORTANCE TO THE QUESTION OF A BAN ON ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS, AS WELL AS ON OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, OR IF THEY BEGAN TO POSTPONE UNTIL SOME INDEFINITE FUTURE THE REACHING OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT."

TURNING TO THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF WORLD TENSIONS, THE SOVIET STATEMENT SAID IT CONSIDERS IMPORTANT THE "FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN" AND ALSO WANTS A FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE BRINGING IN COMMUNIST CHINA TO SIT DOWN WITH THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA, BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

(THE RUSSIANS HAVE AGREED TO A WESTERN INVITATION TO A FOUR-POWER MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BERLIN TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA. THE WEST SUGGESTED JAN. 4, BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT AGREED YET TO ANY SPECIFIC DATE.)

DECLARING SOVIET POLICY "STRIVES TOWARD COOPERATION IN THE RELAXATION OF TENSION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," THE NOTE SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE CAUSES OF SUCHH TENSION.

FOR INSTANCE, IT SAID: "THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION DO NOT REQUIRE THE CREATION OF MILITARY BLOCS AND ALLIANCES AGAINST ANY GROUP OR STATES AND DO NOT REQUIRE THE SETTING UP OF MILITARY BASES ON THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ANY POLICY WHICH WOULD MEAN SUPPORT FOR DIVERSIONIST-SUBVERSIVE ACTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES OR THE FINANCING OF AGENT DIVERSIONISTS."

(THIS PART OF THE NOTE OBVIOUSLY WAS A REFERENCE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BROUGHT BITTER SOVIET PROTESTS AND WORLD-WIDE COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO DISRUPT THEM. IT LSO HINTS AT THE OLD SOVIET COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SETTING UP OF U.S. MILITARY BASES ABROAD AND THE RUSSIAN CHARGE THAT THE AMERICANS ARE FINANCING ARMIES OF SPIES AND SABOTEURS TO OPERATE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.)

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30.24- 16135

A55 (230)

WITH MOSCOW ATOMIC

LONDON, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE RUSSIANS STRONGLY INDICATED FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT THEY ARE READY TO SIT DOWN WIT THE WESTERN POWERS IN A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN. BUT THEY STILL GAVE NO OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE JAN. 4 DATE PROPOSED BY THE WEST.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL POOLING OF ATOMIC RESOURCES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES SAID:

"THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES...IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, BUT ALSO TO A FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SINCE IN THE PRESENT CONDITIONS ONLY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF ALL THE GREAT POWERS TOGETHER WITH THE EFFORTS OF OTHER STATES CAN ENSURE A LESSENING OF TENSION..."

THUS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO BE TAKING IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE BIG FOUR CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BERLIN. YET NO OFFICIAL WORD HAS YET GONE OUT TO THE WESTERN BIG THREE FROM THE KREMLIN GIVING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE TALKS AND JAN. 4 AS THE DATE.

THE RUSSIANS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THE FOUR-POWER MEETING AND BERLIN AS THE MEETING PLACE. A NOTE FROM THE WESTERN POWERS--DRAWN UP AT THE BERMUDA CONFERENCE, ACCEPTED THE IDEA AND SUGGESTED THE DATE IT WAS DELIVERED TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER V.M. MOLOTOV ON DEC. 8.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST THURSDAY THAT THE WEST HAD SO FAR RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL REPLY FROM THE RUSSIANS. THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TONIGHT SAID IT STILL HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD.

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B101 (Q)

LONDON, DEC.21 (AP)-THE TEXT OF A SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ATOMIC ENERGY POOL PROPOSALS AS DISTRIBUTED TODAY BY TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY (ABOUT 3,000):

IN HIS SPEECH IN THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 8TH DECEMBER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER DWELT ON THE PROBLEM OF THE RACE IN ATOMIC ARMAMENTS.

QUITE JUSTIFIABLY, THE U.S. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE DANGER FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD OF THE SITUATION WHICH IS BEING CREATED UNLESS GOVERNMENTS ADOPT MEASURES AGAINST THE RACE IN ATOMIC ARMAMENTS. THIS IS EVEN MORE SO NOW, WHEN, TOGETHER WITH THE ATOMIC WEAPONS, THE HYDROGEN WEAPON HAS ALREADY BEEN INVENTED--A WEAPON WHICH GREATLY SURPASSES IN POWER THE ATOMIC WEAPON.

IT MUST BE REMEMBERED ALSO THAT THERE EXIST SUCH MODERN TYPES OF ARMAMENTS AS THE ROCKET WEAPONS WHICH MODERN TECHNIQUE ENABLES TO BE USED OVER DISTANCES OF THOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS WITHOUT AIRCRAFT, AS WELL AS TORPEDOES WITH ATOMIC WARHEADS AND OTHERS. THE DISCOVERY OF THE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES OF THE USE OF ATOMIC POWER IS AN IMMENSE ACHIEVEMENT OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNIQUE.

THE POSSIBLE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR WAR PURPOSES HAS BEEN DISCOVERED AS WELL AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS USE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY EFFORTS WERE MADE TO USE ATOMIC POWER CHIEFLY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME MANKIND IS INTERESTED IN THE USE OF ATOMIC POWER ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THAT THE USE OF THE ATOMIC POWER FOR SUCH PURPOSES--CONTRARY TO THE HONOR AND CONSCIENCE OF THE PEOPLES--AS MASS DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE AND BARBAROUS ANNIHILATION OF TOWNS, SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED.

THIRTY YEARS AGO THE GOVERNMENTS OF 49 COUNTRIES ARRIVED AT

AN AGREEMENT AND SIGNED THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 ON THE BANNING OF THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, RECOGNIZING THE CRIMINALITY OF THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN BEINGS. THIS AGREEMENT AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS WAS IN ITS TIME SIGNED BY THE SOVIET UNION, AND YIELDED POSITIVE RESULTS.

B102 (Q)

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR SUCH WEAPONS OF MASS HOMICIDE, AS ASPHYXIATING AND POISONOUS GASES AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS WERE BEING USED ON A LARGE SCALE --WEAPONS, THE USE OF WHICH, MET WITH A DETERMINED CONDEMNATION ON THE PART OF THE NATIONS.

IF EVEN AT THAT TIME THE THREAT EMERGED OF THE USE OF THE HARMFUL BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPON, ARMED AT CONTAMINATING THE PEACEFUL POPULATION OF TOWNS BY MOST DANGEROUS DISEASES, THE CONSCIENCE OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE COULD NOT TOLERATE IT. THIS CREATED THE NECESSITY TO REACH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GENEVA PROTOCOL WHICH CONDEMNED AND BANNED THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS FOR WAR PURPOSES.

IF THERE HAD BEEN NO GENEVA PROTOCOL, SIGNED BY 49 STATES ALTHOUGH NOT RATIFIED BY ALL STATES, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO RESTRAINING FACTOR AGAINST THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THE FACT THAT IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR NOT A SINGLE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO USE CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS SHOWS THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENTS AIMED AGAINST CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, WAS OF POSITIVE IMPORTANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ONE MUST NOT FAIL ALSO TO MENTION THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENT THAT THE COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE ANTI-HITLER COALITION STATED FIRMLY THAT THE ATTEMPTS OF THE ENEMY TO USE CHEMICAL WARFARE WOULD MEET A DEVASTATING REBUFF.

THE ABOVE QUOTED CONSIDERATIONS ALSO APPLY FULLY TO THE ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS.

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DO NOT LIST THESE WEAPONS AMONG THE USUAL TYPES OF WEAPONS, BUT REGARD THEM AS A SPECIAL TYPE OF WEAPON--A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THUS, THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, KNOWN AS AN OUTSTANDING MILITARY LEADER IN THE LAST WORLD WAR, EMPHASIZED THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON, CAN BE UNDERSTOOD. IT MUST BE ALSO BORNE IN VIEW THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE WEAPONS IS INCREASING.

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IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INCOMPREHENSIBLE IF THE STATES POSSESSING ATOMIC OR HYDROGEN WEAPONS FAILED TO ATTACH DUE IMPORTANCE TO THE QUESTION OF A BAN ON ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS, AS WELL AS ON OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, OR IF THEY BEGAN TO POSTPONE UNTIL SOME INDEFINITE FUTURE THE REACHING OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. SUCH AN ATTITUDE TO THIS IMPORTANT AND URGENT PROBLEM WOULD FIND NO JUSTIFICATION. THE SOVIET UNION CONSISTENTLY STRUGGLES FOR THE BAN OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN ALL OTHER TYPES OF ARMAMENTS.

THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH AIMS AT AVERTING A NEW WAR AND AT CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND COOPERATION AMONG PEOPLES.

IN HIS SPEECH OF 8TH DECEMBER, ON THE ATOMIC WEAPON, THE U.S. PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM OF EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL, PEACEFUL TRUST. THIS CORRESPONDS ALSO TO THE VIEWS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WHICH INVARIABLY STRIVES TOWARDS COOPERATION IN THE RELAXATION OF TENSION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TOWARDS SECURING PEACE THE WORLD OVER.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESSES ON THIS PATH, IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO HAVE MUTUAL EFFORTS AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE OBSTACLES TO THE EASING OF TENSION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

AS FOR THE SOVIET UNION, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE THE WORK OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE AS WELL AS OUR MATERIAL RESOURCES ON THE SOLUTION OF NEW AND GIGANTIC TASKS OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACEFUL ECONOMY AND CULTURE OF THE COUNTRY, AND TO EXPAND FURTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND MUTUAL CONVENIENCE.

THE SOVIET UNION IS AMONG THE STATES WHICH ARE ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP A HEALTHY INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WHICH RESOLUTELY CONDEMN THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AND PRESSURE UPON THE ECONOMICALLY DEPENDENT COUNTRIES, A POLICY WHICH HAS DISCREDITED ITSELF IN THIS FIELD.

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THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION DO NOT REQUIRE THE CREATION OF MILITARY BLOCS AND ALLIANCES DIRECTED AGAINST ANY GROUP OF STATES, AND DO NOT REQUIRE THE SETTING UP OF MILITARY BASES ON THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ANY POLICY WHICH WOULD MEAN SUPPORT FOR DIVERSIONIST-SUBVERSIVE ACTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES OR THE FINANCING OF AGENT DIVERSIONISTS.

THE ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES SHOULD LEAD TO THE RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH CANNOT BE IN CONTRADICTION TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF ANY ONE COUNTRY, AND AT THE SAME TIME FULLY CORRESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

IT IS PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, BUT ALSO THE CONFERENCE OF THE FIVE POWERS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, SINCE, IN THE PRESENT CONDITIONS, ONLY THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL THE GREAT POWERS, TOGETHER WITH THE EFFORTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, CAN SECURE A REDUCTION IN TENSION IN THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND A CORRESPONDING SETTLEMENT OF THE URGENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

THIS IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE U.N. CHARTER, ACCORDING TO WHICH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY RESTS WITH THE FIVE POWERS: THE U.S.A., BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE U.S.S.R. AND CHINA. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS PERFECTLY OBVIOUS THAT THE GREAT CHINESE PEOPLE SHOULD NOW BE REPRESENTED IN U.N. BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

IN THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE IN RAISING THE STATUS AND AUTHORITY OF U.N. IN THE CAUSE OF STRENGTHENING UNIVERSAL PEACE, SPECIAL INSISTENCE MUST BE MADE ON THE RAPPROCHEMENT OF THE ATTITUDES OF THE FIVE GREAT POWERS ON THE QUESTION OF ENDING THE ATOMIC ARMAMENTS RACE AS WELL AS THE RACE IN ALL OTHER ARMAMENTS.

EVERY STEP AIMED AT REACHING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THESE POWERS, BOTH AS REGARDS THE ELIMINATIN OF THE THREAT OF THE USE OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS AND THE CESSATION OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE IN GENERAL, WOULD CERTAINLY BE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY ALL THE UNITED NATIONS.

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FIRST OF ALL, ON THIS PATH, THERE ARE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUCING TENSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND FOR STRENGTHENING PEACE.

HAVING EXPOUNDED HIS VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING CORRESPONDING CONFIDENTIAL OR DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERESTED STATES.

AT THE SAME TIME PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENTS PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED SHOULD

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NOW BEGIN, AND CONTINUE IN FUTURE, "TO MAKE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEIR STOCK PILES OF NORMAL URANIUM AND FISSIONABLE MATERIALS TO AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY" WHICH WOULD BE UNDER THE AEGIS OF U.N. THIS PROPOSAL POINTS OUT IN ADDITION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY ON ATOMIC POWERS "COULD BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPOUNDING, STORAGE AND PROTECTION OF THE CONTRIBUTED FISSIONABLE AND OTHER MATERIALS."

IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER WHAT SUCH A PROPOSAL MEANS. FIRSTLY, IT MEANS THAT OUT OF THE ATOMIC MATERIAL STOCKPILES NOW POSSESSED AND TO BE PRODUCED IN FUTURE, IT IS PROPOSED TO ALLOT ONLY "SOME" SMALL PART. HENCE IT FOLLOWS THAT THE MAIN PART OF THE ATOMIC MATERIALS WILL, AS BEFORE, BE DIRECTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS, AND THAT THERE REMAINS THE FULL POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER ACCUMULATION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON AND THE CREATION OF NEW TYPES OF THIS WEAPON OF EVEN GREAT DESTRUCTIVE POWER. CONSEQUENTLY THIS PROPOSAL, IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IN NO WAY TIES THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRODUCE ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS.

SECONDLY, THE PROPOSAL OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN NO WAY LIMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON ITSELF.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL IN NO WAY LIMITS AN AGGRESSOR AS REGARDS THE USE OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON FOR ANY PURPOSE OR AT ANY TIME. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS PROPOSAL IN NO WAY REDUCES THE DANGER OF ATOMIC ATTACK.

IN THESE CONDITIONS, ONE MUST CONCLUDE THAT, IN ITS PRESENT FORM, THE PROPOSAL TABLED BY THE U.S.A. DOES NOT STOP THE GROWING PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, NEITHER DOES IT LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF THESE WEAPONS.

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IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MENTIONED PROPOSAL ONE CANNOT FAIL TO TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT.

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THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE ADDED IMPORTANCE IF IT AROSE FROM THE RECOGNITION OF THE NECESSITY TO PROHIBIT THE ATOMIC WEAPON, WHICH IS A WEAPON OF AGGRESSION. BUT THE NECESSITY OF PROHIBITING THE ATOMIC WEAPON IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON IS PASSED BY IN THIS SPEECH, DESPITE THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER STRESSES THE PARTICULAR DANGER OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON WHICH EXISTS TODAY FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE PRESENT ATOMIC EPOCH.

THE QUESTION ARISES: IS IT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK OF THE NECESSITY OF EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PASS BY THE PROBLEM OF PROHIBITING THE ATOMIC WEAPON? THERE CANNOT BE TWO DIFFERENT ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION. NOBODY WHO STRIVES TO EASE TENSION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN PEACE CAN FAIL TO DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENTS FURTHER A POSITIVE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE DISQUIET FELT BY THE PEOPLES IS ESSENTIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE BREAKING OUT OF AN ATOMIC WAR, THE THREAT OF WHICH CANNOT BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT THE PROHIBITION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON. THIS WAS RECOGNIZED BY U.N. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF ITS EXISTENCE, WHEN IT TOOK A STAND ON THE NECESSITY OF PROHIBITING THE ATOMIC WEAPON.

NOBODY CAN DENY THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE IN THE WAY OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT SUFFICIENT EFFORTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE BY U.N. OR IN THE FIRST PLACE, BY ALL THE STATES PARTICULARLY CONCERNED, TO REACH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITING THE ATOMIC WEAPON AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROHIBITION.

THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY TO THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES ANY FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF THE SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION OR THE BY PASSING OF THIS QUESTION NOTWITHSTANDING ITS ACUTENESS AT THE PRESENT MOMENT.

THAT IS WHY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS BEFORE, CONSIDERS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND URGENT PROBLEM TO BE THE UNCONDITIONAL BANNING OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS AS WELL AS OF OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WITH THE SIMULTANEOUS ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER THIS BANNING.

ALL PEACE LOVING PEOPLES ARE INTERESTED IN THE SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THIS TASK. IF SOME SMALL PART OF ATOM MATERIAL IS TO BE DIRECTED TO PEACEFU

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TO BE DIRECTED TO PEACEFUL AIMS WHILE THE MAIN MASS OF THESE MATERIALS--THE QUANTITIES OF WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY GROWING--ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF MORE AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE ATOMIC WEAPONS, THEN THE THREAT OF ATOMIC WAR WILL NOT LESSEN IN THE LEAST. THIS WOULD SERVE TO LESSEN THE VIGILANCE OF THE PEOPLES REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF ATOMIC WEAPONS BUT WOULD NOT FACILITATE THE LESSENING OF THE REAL THREAT OF ATOMIC WAR.

IF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES AMOUNTS TO THE ALLOCATION FOR PEACEFUL AIMS OF ONLY SOME SMALL PROPORTION OF ATOMIC MATERIAL WHILE THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IS UNRESTRICTED IN THE FUTURE, THEN SUCH A NINTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WILL DIRECTLY SANCTION THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD SUIT THE AGGRESSIVE FORCES. SUCH A STATE OF AFFAIRS WOULD NOT ONLY FAIL TO ASSIST THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE BANNING OF ATOMIC WEAPONS BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, WOULD BE A NEW OBSTACLE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGREEMENT.

AS LONG AS WE ARE TRYING TO STRNGTHEN PEACE, OUR TASKS CANNOT INCLUDE THE LESSENING OF VIGILANCE IN RELATION TO THE THREAT OF ATOMIC WAR, NOR THE INTERNATIONAL SANCTION OF THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

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PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THIS, IT IS NECESSARY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TASK OF ALL PEACE LOVING STATES IS NOT RESTRICTED TO THE ALLOCATION FOR PEACEFUL AIMS OF A SMALL PART OF ATOMIC MATERIAL: IT IS NECESSARY THAT NOT SOME PART BUT THE WHOLE MASS OF ATOMIC MATERIAL BE DIRECTED COMPLETELY TO PEACEFUL AIMS, WHICH WOULD OPEN UP UNHEARD OF POSSIBILITIES FOR THE PROGRESS OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TRANSPORT; FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE MOST VALUABLE ATOMIC DISCOVERIES; FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MACHINES IN MANY FIELDS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR FURTHER AND HIGHER PROGRESS IN SCIENCE.

THE FACT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE BANNING OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF ATOMIC MATERIALS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PEACEFUL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLES, WITH DUE CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMICALLY WEAKER AREAS, WOULD ALSO FACILITATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF A FIRM REDUCTION OF THE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WELL.

THIS, IN TURN, WOULD LEAD TO AN ENORMOUS RELIEF OF THE BURDEN OF TAXES BORNE BY PEOPLES BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE IN MANY STATES OF EXCESSIVELY LARGE ARMIES, MILITARY AVIATION, AND NAVIES--THAT IS, THE CONTINUING ARMAMENTS RACE.

ALL THIS DEMANDS RECOGNITION OF THE NECESSITY TO BAN ATOMIC WEAPONS, TOGETHER WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER THIS VAN, AND AN UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGE NOT TO USE THESE WEAPONS. THEREFORE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST UPON THE URGENCY OF ACHIEVING AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THIS QUESTION.

AS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT ON THE CONFIDENTIAL OR DIPLOMATIC TALKS CONCERNING HIS PROPOSAL, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING CONSISTENTLY ITS PEACE LOVING POLICY, EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO TAKE PART IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN STATES WITH THE AIM OF CONCLUDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS, IN THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING GENERAL PEACE.

AT THE SAME TIME THE SAME TIME THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.A. WILL IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS STATEMENT GIVE THE NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS BECAUSE THE PROPOSAL OF THE U.S.A. IN ITS ESSENTIAL PARTS CONTAINS PASSAGES WHICH ARE NOT CLEAR AND DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSITY TO BAN ATOMIC WEAPONS. NEITHER DOES IT PROVIDE FOR A PLEDGE NOT TO USE THIS WEAPON.

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THE SOVIET UNION IS DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT MANKIND MUST AND CAN BE SPARED THE HORRORS OF AN ATOMIC WAR. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM RESTS WITH THOSE STATES WHICH ALREADY POSSESS THE POWER OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

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AS TO THE SOVIET UNION, ITS ATTITUDE IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR. IT IS AS FOLLOWS: TO TURN THIS GREAT DISCOVERY OF THE HUMAN MIND NOT AGAINST CIVILIZATION, BUT FOR ITS THOROUGH PROGRESS; NOT FOR MASS EXTERMINATION OF PEOPLE, BUT FOR THEIR PEACEFUL NEEDS; FOR THOROUGH SAFEGUARDING OF RAISING THE WELFARE OF THE POPULATION.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BASES ITS ATTITUDE ON THE IDEA THAT DURING SUCH TALKS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL OF THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME:-

THE STATES TAKING PART IN THE AGREEMENT, GUIDED BY THEIR WISH FOR REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSION, UNDERTAKE SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGES NOT TO USE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS EXTERMINATION.

THE ACHIEVING OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION COULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE ROAD TO THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARMAMENTS OF STATES OF ALL ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS EXTERMINATION--TOGETHER WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE BAN OF THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MILITARY ENDS.

THE SOVIET UNION, FILLED WITH DEEP CONCERN FOR SAFEGUARDING MANKIND FROM THE DEATH CARRYING ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS, WILL DEVOTE ALL ITS EFFORTS SO THAT THESE WEAPONS COULD NEVER BE TURNED AGAINST PEOPLE.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-SOVIET RUSSIA AGREED CONDITIONALLY TODAY TO TALK ABOUT POOLING ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES SAID HE DREW "HOPE" FROM THE OFFER.

EVERY POSSIBILITY OF SECURING AGREEMENT ON THE PLAN WILL BE EXPLORED, DULLES SAID.

THE SOVIET OFFER WAS MADE IN A 3,000-WORD NOTE REPLYING TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL THAT AT LEAST SOME ATOMIC ENERGY BE DIVERTED TO HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES UNDER A UNITED NATIONS AGENCY.

DULLES, FIVE HOURS LATER, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THE SOVIET UNION "EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO TAKE PART IN CONFIDENTIAL OR DIPLOMATIC TALKS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL" AND ADDING, "THIS IS HOPEFUL."

IN REGARD TO A RUSSIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO CONSIDER AN INTERNATIONAL BAN ON THE H-BOMB AND ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, DULLES SAID:

"THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL. ITS VERY PURPOSE WAS TO FIND A NEW AND CLEARLY FEASIBLE BASIS WHICH WILL PERMIT ACTUALLY GETTING STARTED."

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID EISENHOWER WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT "AT THIS TIME."

"IT HAS LONG BEEN EVIDENT, AND THE TONE OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE MAKES IT EVEN CLEARER," DULLES SAID, "THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC DEBATE.

"THE UNITED STATES WILL, THROUGH THE NEW CHANNELS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION NOW ACCEPTS, EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY OF SECURING AGREEMENT AND BRINGING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S HISTORIC PROPOSAL INTO THE REALM OF CREATIVE ACTION."

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DULLES DID NOT SAY PRECISELY WHAT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE. IN ALL PROBABILITY, HE WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO LAID HIS PLAN BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS IN AN ADDRESS AT NEW YORK DEC. 8.

THE SECRETARY RECALLED THAT EISENHOWER HAD SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS READY "TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH SUCH OTHER COUNTRIES AS MAY BE PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, TO SEEK AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE ATOMIC ARMAMENTS RACE."

"THE PRESIDENT SOUGHT 'A WAY BY WHICH THE MIRACULOUS INVENTIVENESS OF MAN SHALL NOT BE DEDICATED TO HIS DEATH BUT CONSECRATED TO HIS LIFE,'" DULLES SAID.

THEN HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CRITICIZES THE EISENHOWER PLAN BECAUSE IT WILL NOT REMOVE THE THREAT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS. "IT ALSO RESTATES FORMER POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION," HE SAID, ADDING AT THIS POINT THAT RUSSIA DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT OF THE IDEA.

A NOTE OF CAUTION RAN THROUGH INITIAL CONGRESSIONAL REACTION.

"I AM VERY PLEASED AT THIS NEWS," SAID REP. COLE (R-NY), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE. "IT IS AT LEAST HOPEFUL."

SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) COMMENTED THAT "THE LANGUAGE SOUNDS GOOD, AS SO MUCH OF THEIRS DOES."

"BUT ANY AGREEMENT OUTLAWING ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS OBVIOUSLY HAS NO EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM UNLESS A FOOLPROOF SYSTEM OF INSPECTION IS AGREED TO BY THE RUSSIANS," MCCARTHY ADDED.

THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA HAVE BEEN DEADLOCKED FOR YEARS ON THE QUESTION OF OUTLAWING ATOMIC WEAPONS, WITH THE AMERICANS INSISTING THAT ANY BAN MUST BE PRECEDED BY AN IRON CLAD SYSTEM OF CONTROL AND INSPECTION FOR ENFORCEMENT. THE COMMUNISTS WANT THE BAN FIRST.

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EISENHOWER'S NEW IDEA IS THAT THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND OTHER ATOMIC POWERS -- "TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY ELEMENTARY PRUDENCE" -- MAKE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEIR STOCKPILES OF URANIUM AND FISSIONABLE MATERIALS TO A U.N. AGENCY WHICH WOULD DEVOTE IT TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES, INCLUDING MEDICAL RESEARCH.

TODAY THE RUSSIANS REPLIED:

"IT IS NECESSARY THAT NOT SOME PART BUT THE WHOLE MASS OF ATOMIC MATERIAL BE DIRECTED COMPLETELY TO PEACEFUL AIMS . . . " . . . ONE MUST CONCLUDE," MOSCOW'S NOTE SAID, "THAT, IN ITS PRESENT FORM, THE PROPOSAL TABLED BY THE U.S.A. DOES NOT STOP THE GROWING PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, NEITHER DOES IT LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF THESE WEAPONS."

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SAID THAT, "FOLLOWING CONSISTENTLY ITS PEACE-LOVING POLICY," IT IS READY TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS EISENHOWER PROPOSED. THEN MOSCOW PROPOSED THAT THIS IDEA BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME:

"THE STATES TAKING PART IN THE AGREEMENT, GUIDED BY THEIR WISH FOR REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSION, UNDERTAKE SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGES NOT TO USE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS

EXTERMINATION."

"I THINK IT IS A VERY ENCOURAGING AND HOPEFUL ANNOUNCEMENT," SAID SEN. SMATHERS (D-FLA), "BUT I THINK IT MUST ALSO PUT US ON OUR GUARD.

HE SAID THIS COUNTRY "MUST BE CERTAIN THAT WE DO NOT PERMIT OURSELVES TO BE OUT-MANEUVERED INTO GIVING UP SOMETHING WHICH AMOUNTS TO OUR STRENGTH -- AND I MEAN ATOMIC WEAPONS--WHILE THEY WOULD BE GIVING UP SOMETHING THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYWAY."

SMATHERS ADDED HE THOUGHT REAL PROGRESS WOULD FOLLOW IF THE RUSSIAN REPLY "COULD BE TURNED INTO A MOVEMENT OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT."

MOSCOW ALSO MENTIONED THIS GOAL, BUT WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE LATEST NOTE A WORKING BASIS FOR A CONFERENCE REMAINED TO BE SEEN.

THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT EISENHOWER WILL BE CLOSELY CONSULTED ON THE NEXT AMERICAN MOVE, SINCE THE U.N. PROPOSAL IS "HIS BABY," SO TO SPEAK, AND REPRESENTS A COURSE OF ACTION IN WHICH HE IS DEEPLY INTERESTED.

SEN. MANSFIELD (D-MONT), A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTE CALLED THE RUSSIAN NOTE "A GOOD SIGN THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS COME PART WAY IN THE FREE WORLD'S DESIRE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF ATOMIC-HYDROGEN WEAPONS."

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"ANY DISCUSSIONS," HE ADDED, "SHOULD CALL FOR COMPLETE INSPECTION OF HYDROGEN-ATOMIC INSTALLATIONS AND AT THE SAME TIME SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT IN CONVENTIONAL TYPES OF WEAPONS."

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE RUSSIAN NOTE SAID IF ATOMIC ENERGY COULD BE DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL AIMS IT WOULD "FACILITATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF A FIRM REDUCTION OF THE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WELL."

IN ITS INTERIM STATEMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRODDED RUSSIA ABOUT THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROJECTED FOR BERLIN BEGINNING JAN. 4.

"THE DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE NO LESS PROMPT IN ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE WESTERN POWERS FOR A FOUR-POWER MEETING IN BERLIN JAN. 4," THE STATEMENT SAID.

RUSSIA PROPOSED A MEETING IN BERLIN BUT HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO THREE-POWER NOTES FIXING THE DATE AND PROPOSING THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR.

THERE WAS A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE IN TODAY'S RUSSIAN NOTE. IN SPEAKING OF THE NECESSITY FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, THE NOTE SAID "IT IS PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, "BUT ALSO A FIVE POWER CONFERENCE WITH RED CHINA SITTING IN.

WHETHER BY COINCIDENCE OR NOT, A SHORT TIME AFTER SOVIET FOR. MIN. MOLOTOV HANDED HIS LONG NOTE TO U.S. AMBASSADOR CHARLES E. BOHLEN, MOSCOW RADIO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FIVE NEW DEPUTY PREMIERS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THEY INCLUDED V.A. MALYSHEV, MINISTER OF MEDIUM MACHINE BUILDING, WHICH IS REPORTED OUTSIDE MOSCOW TO DEAL WITH ATOMIC MATTERS; M.Z. SABUROV, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND M.G. PERVUKHIN, MINISTER OF THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY. BOTH SABUROV AND PERVUKHIN ARE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS BROUGHT INTO TOP POSITIONS BY THE FORCE OF EVENTS.

ALL FIVE WERE DEPUTY PREMIERS BEFORE THE DEATH OF STALIN, BUT THEY WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR POSTS DURING THE POLITICAL SHAKEUP WHICH FOLLOWED THE DEATH OF THE SOVIET LEADER.

AMONG ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT HERE TONIGHT WAS COUNSEL BY SEN. KEFAUVER (D-TENN) THAT THE UNITED STATES "SHOULD PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEIR (THE RUSSIAN) REPLY WAS MADE IN GOOD FAITH."

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KEFAUVER SAID THE NOTE WAS ENCOURAGING TO HIM, AND THAT THIS COUNTRY SHOULD FORCE AHEAD TO MAKE EISENHOWER'S "LAUDATORY PROPOSAL" A REALITY.

WHILE HE SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF AS MUCH DISCUSSION AS POSSIBLE, REP. SCOTT (R-PA) ADDED "WE MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT THE RUSSIANS CAN'T BE TRUSTED."

THE SOVIET NOTE SEEMED TO CALL FOR SOME REPLY FROM THE UNITED STATES ABOUT AN ATOMIC WEAPON BAN AS THE NEXT STEP TOWARD AN ATOMIC CONFERENCE.

REP. HINSHAW (R-CALIF), A MEMBER OF THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, CALLED THE DEVELOPMENT A GOOD BEGINNING AND SAID EISENHOWER "PROBABLY CAN GIVE THEM SOME MORE INFORMATION IF THEIR REQUEST IS WITHIN REASON."

AT THE U.N. IN NEW YORK, WESTERN DELEGATES, APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED BY THE NEWS FROM MOSCOW, SAID THEY EXPECT THE EISENHOWER PLAN TO BE TAKEN UP FORMALLY BY THE U.N. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION NEXT MONTH.

REP. COLE, IN A RADIO INTERVIEW (MBS "REPORTERS' ROUNDUP) TONIGHT, PREDICTED DIFFICULTY IN GETTING CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE EISENHOWER PLAN IF IN FINAL FORM IT REQUIRES ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO TURN OVER ALL FISSIONABLE MATERIALS.

"I AM CONFIDENT," COLE ADDED, "THAT IF SAFEGUARDS ARE WORKED OUT, THE CONGRESS. . . WITHOUT ANY MEASURABLE HESITANCY. . . WILL GIVE ITS APPROVAL."

HE SAID THAT IF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE PLAN ONLY SENATE APPROVAL MAY BE REQUIRED BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE FORM OF A TREATY. TREATIES REQUIRE ONLY SENATE APPROVAL.

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ATOMIC-REVIEW

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BY JERRY T. BAULCH

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-RUSSIA'S QUALIFIED AGREEMENT TODAY TO JOIN SECRET TALKS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC POOL LIGHTED A NEW FLICKER OF HOPE FOR POSSIBLE EAST-WEST COMPROMISE ON TURNING THE AWFUL POWER OF THE ATOM INTO PEACEFUL CHANNELS.

BUT THE LUSTER OF THAT HOPE WAS DIMMED CONSIDERABLY BY THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN THE LENGTHY SOVIET NOTE. IT CONTAINED MANY OF THE ARGUMENTS WHICH HAVE FRUSTRATED PREVIOUS EFFORTS DURING THE LAST SEVEN YEARS TO AGREE ON ANY TYPE OF ATOMIC CONTROLS.

SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES CALLED RUSSIA'S NOTE A "HOPEFUL SIGN" BUT SAID THE SOVIET UNION "SEEMS NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL." HE SAID THE RUSSIAN RESPONSE TO THE PLAN MAKES CLEAR WHAT HAS LONG BEEN EVIDENT--"THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC DEBATE."

THE RUSSIANS INDICATED THEY WILL HEW TO THE SAME LINE PUT FORWARD IN THEIR ATOMIC CONTROL PLAN REJECTED SEVERAL TIMES BY THE UNITED NATIONS. THE CRUX OF THIS WAS INSISTENCE ON SIMULTANEOUSLY BANNING ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS AND CONTROLLING ATOMIC ENERGY.

THE SOVIET NOTE SAID THE EISENHOWER PLAN LEFT OPEN THE WAY FOR FURTHER MANUFACTURE AND USE OF A-BOMBS AND H-BOMBS, ADDING:

"IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INCOMPREHENSIBLE IF THE STATES POSSESSING ATOMIC OR HYDROGEN WEAPONS FAILED TO ATTACH DUE IMPORTANCE TO THE QUESTION OF A BAN ON ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS, AS WELL AS ON OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, OR IF THEY BEGAN TO POSTPONE UNTIL SOME INDEFINITE FUTURE THE REACHING OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREE-

AS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT ON THE

MENT ON THIS SUBJECT."

IF EISENHOWER'S PLAN FOR PEACETIME USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY MOVES TOWARD REALIZATION DESPITE EMBROILMENT IN THE TREMENDOUS ISSUE OF WORLD DISARMAMENT IT WILL ENCOUNTER TWO OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE DEADLOCKED U.N. DISCUSSIONS:

1. RUSSIAN INSISTENCE THAT ATOMIC CONTROLS BE OPERATED UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE A VETO. THE UNITED STATES HAS OPPOSED ANY VETO.

2. AMERICAN INSISTENCE ON SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION SYSTEM TO DETECT ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE ATOMIC CODE. RUSSIA HAS REFUSED TO AGREE TO THIS.

BERNARD M. BARUCH, WHO FATHERED THE U.S. PLAN APPROVED BY A MAJORITY ON THE U.N. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IN 1948, SAID RECENTLY THAT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL IS BUILT ON THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN CONCEPT OF WORLD-WIDE CONTROL OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE, HE SAID: THE EISENHOWER PLAN "DOES NOT SPELL OUT INSPECTION OR PENALIZATION WHICH ARE INEVITABLE IN ANY COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR."

THE BARUCH PLAN WASN'T APPROVED EVEN IN THE 11-NATION COMMITTEE UNTIL NEARLY TWO YEARS AFTER IT WAS INTRODUCED. IN THE BITTER DEBATE THAT LED TO ITS APPROVAL THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF BLOCKING AGREEMENT.

THE SAME ANGRY ARGUMENTS HAVE RESOUNDED AGAIN AND AGAIN SINCE THEN AS WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW EACH TRIED IN VAIN TO GET ITS PLAN OF ATOMIC CONTROL PUSHED THROUGH THE U.N.

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BOTH SIDES HAVE SINCE OFFERED MINOR CONCESSIONS AND VARIATIONS OF THEIR PLANS BUT HAVE REMAINED UNYIELDING ON THE MAJOR POINTS.

THE RUSSIANS PROPOSED IN 1947 THAT THE UNITED STATES START BY DESTROYING ITS ATOMIC STOCKPILE. THIS THE UNITED STATES REJECTED, SAYING IT WANTED ADEQUATE CONTROLS FIRST.

IN 1949 RUSSIA DEMANDED THAT THE U.N. MAKE A FULL COUNT OF ATOMIC BOMBS AND OTHER ARMS IN THE WAR CHESTS OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS. THIS CAME SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST ATOMIC BLAST WAS REPORTED IN RUSSIA.

IN 1952, THE UNITED STATES PUT FORTH ITS OWN PLAN FOR AN ARMS-ATOMIC CENSUS WITH PROVISIONS FOR A CHECKUP LEADING, BY STAGES, TO ELIMINATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AND REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

AND THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER PROPOSALS. FOR INSTANCE, THE FRENCH SUGGESTED THAT THE REARMAMENT QUESTION BE SPLIT UP TO CONSIDER SEPARATELY BANS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND ON ATOMIC WEAPONS.

NONE OF THE PLANS SUGGESTED BY ANY NATION SO FAR HAS GOT VERY FAR.

EISENHOWER LAID EXTENSIVE GROUNDWORK BEFORE HE PRESENTED HIS PROPOSAL. IN A SUCCESSION OF SPEECHES IN OCTOBER HE DROVE HOME THE HORRORS OF ATOMIC WARFARE. THEY ALL ADDED UP TO SAYING THAT WITHOUT GODWILL FROM THE KREMLIN IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT PERIL OF ATOMIC DESTRUCTION.

ANOTHER QUESTION UNDERLYING POSSIBLE SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO REALLY TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE EISENHOWER PLAN IS THIS: JUST HOW FAR ALONG HAS RUSSIA PROGRESSED IN FINDING PEACETIME USES FOR ATOMIC ENERGY?

THE RUSSIAN'S FIRST OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN 1949 THAT THEY HAD SOLVED THE RIDDLE OF THE ATOM SAID THEY WERE UTILIZING ATOMIC ENERGY NOT TO STOCKPILE BOMBS BUT FOR VAST MOUNTAIN MOVING AND DESERT WATERING PROJECTS AIMED AT EXPANDING THE SOVIET ECONOMY.

AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AT THAT TIME SAID THEY, THE AMERICANS, HAD WORKED WONDERS WITH THE ATOM BUT THEY HAD MOVED NO MOUNTAINS.

THE PRACTICALITY OF ATOMIC POWER FOR INDUSTRIAL USES HAS DEFINITELY BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT WHEN IT WILL BE FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE IS STILL A MATTER OF SPECULATION. SOME ESTIMATES RANGE UP TO 50 YEARS AND OTHERS AS LITTLE AS ONE YEAR.

REP. W. STERLING COLE (R-NY), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE-SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, SAID SUNDAY NIGHT THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE UNDER THE EISENHOWER PLAN TO START BUILDING ATOMIC POWER PLANTS OVERSEAS BY 1955. PRESUMABLY HE MEANT SUCH PLANTS COULD BE STARTED IN PLACES WHERE POWER OF ANY KIND IS SCARCE AND WHERE EVEN NUCLEAR POWER WOULD BE CHEAP AT ANY PRICE.

GORDON DEAN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, SAID THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CERTAINLY CAN EXPECT PRACTICAL USE OF ATOMIC POWER IN "CERTAINLY LESS THAN 10 YEARS."

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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 9 PM EST, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ARTHUR H. DEAN TOLD THE NATION TONIGHT OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IN KOREA "IS DISCOURAGING BUT BY NO MEANS HOPELESS."

DEAN WENT BEFORE THE NATION'S TELEVISION AND RADIO AUDIENCES WITH A PREPARED SPEECH REPORTING ON HIS SEVEN WEEKS OF FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS FOR A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE. HE WALKED OUT OF THE TALKS 10 DAYS AGO IN PROTEST TO A COMMUNIST CHARGE ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF "PERFIDY."

SINCE HIS RETURN, THE 55-YEAR-OLD SPECIAL ENVOY HAS SAID HE IS SURE KOREA WILL HAVE PEACE. BUT IN HIS PREPARED TALK TONIGHT, HE SAID:

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"I DO BELIEVE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP NORTH KOREA POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED INTO THEIR OWN ECONOMY.

"THE OUTLOOK IS DISCOURAGING BUT BY NO MEANS HOPELESS. THERE IS NO EASY, PAT SOLUTION.

"IT WILL TAKE ALL THE BRAINS, ENERGY, RESOLUTION AND PATIENCE AT OUR COMMAND."

AS TO THE COMMUNIST CHARGE OF PERFIDY, DEAN SAID, "MY GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER BEEN GUILTY OF PERFIDY AND PRAY GOD IT NEVER SHALL."

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OUT CONFERENCE IN THE HOPE THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION WOULD LOSE PATIENCE AND FORCE HIM TO SETTLE ON COMMUNIST TERMS.

THESE TERMS INCLUDED RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA AS A NEUTRAL NATION AT A POLITICAL CONFERENCE TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF KOREA. THE UNITED STATES HAS OPPOSED THIS ON THE GROUND THAT RUSSIA AIDED THE COMMUNISTS AND THEREFORE WAS NOT A NEUTRAL. HOWEVER, DEAN SAID HE WAS SURE THAT EVEN IF A POLITICAL CONFERENCE IS NOT HELD, IT WILL NOT MEAN RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IN KOREA. HE SAID "THE COMMUNISTS TOOK A TERRIFIC BEATING" AND IN NORTH KOREA ARE WORKING NOW ON CIVILIAN, RATHER THAN MILITARY, CONSTRUCTION.

"WE STOPPED THE TIDE AND TIMETABLE OF RED AGGRESSION," HE SAID.

DEAN ADDED THAT, IN HIS JUDGMENT, SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO RESUME FIGHTING IN KOREA ON HIS OWN.

"PRESIDENT RHEE IS AN INDOMITABLE FIGHTER FOR A FREE, UNITED AND DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENT KOREA," DEAN SAID. "THOSE ARE OUR OBJECTIVES AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE ADMIRE HIS PATRIOTISM AND COURAGE AND HIS FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM TREMENDOUSLY."

NEITHER DOES HE THINK THERE WILL BE ANY BLOODSHED, DEAN SAID, WHEN THE JAN. 22 DEADLINE ARRIVES FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION. IF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE IS IN SESSION DEC. 22 TO JAN. 22, AS PROPOSED, IT COULD DISCUSS THAT QUESTION, DEAN SAID.

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"IF IT IS NOT IN SESSION," HE ADDED, "THAT DOES NOT AFFECT BY ONE JOT THE AUTOMATIC...RELEASE OF PRISONERS." DEAN SAID THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS ARE INSISTING ON NEUTRAL MEMBERS AT A PEACE CONFERENCE

BECAUSE THEY "THINK THEY CAN STIR UP TROUBLE FOR US WITH INDIA BY NOMINATING HER AS A NEUTRAL."

HE SAID THEY WANT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES "DOES NOT LIKE INDIA, ITS GREAT LEADER OR ITS FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE--WHICH IS FANTASTIC."

DEAN PAID TRIBUTE TO GEN. THIMAYYA OF INDIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WHICH IS HANDLING REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS. HE SAID THIMAYYA "IS IN FULL SYMPATHY" WITH U. S. INSISTENCE ON RELEASE OF WAR PRISONERS BY JAN. 22 IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REPATRIATED BEFORE THEN.

DEAN CALLED ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

"IT IS NOT A FIGHT OF LEFT AGAINST RIGHT," HE SAID. "IT IS A FIGHT FOR THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF MAN AS A CREATURE OF GOD AGAINST THE COMMUNIST DOCTRINE THAT HE HAS NO VALUE EXCEPT AS THE STATE DESIRES TO USE HIM."

HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE "MUCH BETTER OFF" IF IT HAD NOT ENTERED INTO SECRET AGREEMENTS AT THE YALTA CONFERENCE ON CHINA.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED TODAY THAT WORK ON AMERICAN MILITARY BASES TO BE BUILT IN SPAIN PROBABLY WON'T BE STARTED UNTIL NEXT MAY AT THE EARLIEST.

THE COMMITTEE RELEASED TESTIMONY QUOTING NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICIALS AS SAYING IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO PUT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SPANISH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM INTO OPERATIONAL USE. THE MILITARY MEN ESTIMATED 150 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT OVER A PERIOD OF TWO OR THREE YEARS. THEY SAID THERE IS AN ORAL AGREEMENT THAT FROM 85 TO 90 PER CENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY SPANIARDS.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES IS REPORTED CONSIDERING WHETHER TO CUT OFF ALL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO DENMARK BECAUSE A DANISH FIRM BUILT AND TURNED OVER A 13,000-TON TANKER TO RUSSIA.

INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID THE DANISH GOVERNMENT REJECTED AN AMERICAN REQUEST TO HALT DELIVERY OF THE SHIP ON THE GROUND THAT IT WOULD AID SOVIET WAR POTENTIAL.

THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, IT WAS SAID, TOOK THE POSITION THAT IT COULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SHIP DEAL WHICH WAS PART OF A JULY, 1948, TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH RUSSIA. TO BLOCK DELIVERY NOW, THE DANES SAID, WOULD BE TO WELSH ON A COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN BEFORE THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES EMBARGOED TANKERS AND OTHER ITEMS TO THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

KEY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER THAT ALL AMERICAN AID BE TERMINATED IN LINE WITH THE BATTLE ACT PASSED OCT. 26, 1951.

THAT LAW PROVIDES ALL U. S. AID TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY MUST BE TERMINATED WHENEVER THAT COUNTRY KNOWINGLY PERMITS SHIPMENTS TO THE SOVIET BLOC OF AN ITEM CLASSIFIED AS STRATEGIC ON U. S. EMBARGO LISTS.

THERE WOULD BE PRECEDENT FOR A DECISION BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER THAT AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC HELP TO DENMARK SHOULD CONTINUE BECAUSE A STOPPAGE WOULD HURT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN MILITARY BUILD-UP AGAINST POSSIBLE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

TOP AMERICAN OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, ARE UPSET AT DENMARK'S ATTITUDE. OFFICIALS SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALLY MADE IT "EXCEEDINGLY PLAIN" TO DENMARK BEFORE THE VESSEL WAS TURNED OVER LATE IN OCTOBER THAT IT WANTED DENMARK TO BLOCK DELIVERY. THEY TOOK THE STAND THAT

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SECURITY INTERESTS NOW TAKE PRECEDENCE.

THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED AGAINST CUTTING OFF AID AFTER THE DANES HANDED OVER A TANKER OF ABOUT THE SAME SIZE TO THE RUSSIANS JULY 7, 1952.

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FOREIGN AID (370)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-FOREIGN AID DIRECTOR HAROLD STASSEN REPORTED TODAY THE FREE WORLD NATIONS SET NEW RECORDS IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION DURING 1953 AND "SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED" THEIR JOINT DEFENSES AGAINST COMMUNISM.

"THE PEOPLES OF THE FREE NATIONS ARE BETTER FED AND BETTER CLOTHED THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS TIME," STASSEN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

SUMMING UP ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HE SAID AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION NOW IS 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE 1934-38 PERIOD AND THAT INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT IN THE CRITICAL WESTERN EUROPEAN AREAS STANDS 4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR.

"THE CURRENT REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION (FOA) FROM AROUND THE WORLD CLEARLY INDICATE THAT 1953 HAS BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE FREE NATIONS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II," STASSEN DECLARED.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, HE PREDICTED MORE TRADE BETWEEN FREE NATIONS IN 1954, SAYING:

"IT WILL BE A YEAR OF MORE TRADE AND LESS AID."

ANSWERING QUESTIONS, STASSEN SAID THE POLICIES OF THE NEW REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION "TO SOME EXTENT" CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOOST IN INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND DEFENSIVE PRODUCTIONS, BUT HE SAID MOST OF THE NEW PRODUCTION FIGURES STEMMED MAINLY FROM THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

STASSEN GAVE NO FIGURES ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION ABROAD. HE SAID DEFENSE GOALS ASSIGNED BY THE 14-NATION NORTH ATLANTIC PACT "WERE SUBSTANTIALLY MET WITH COMPARATIVELY MINOR SHORTCOMINGS" AND ADDED:

"THESE FACTS TOGETHER INDICATE THAT THE TIME IS HERE FOR AN ADVANCE IN WAGES OF THE WORKERS IN THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. AND AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE WORKERS OF THE FREE NATIONS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE YEAR 1954.

"LEADING THIS ADVANCE WILL BE RISES IN THE WAGES OF THE SKILLED AND SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS, THE MINERS AND MECHANICS, THE CRAFTSMEN AND THE MACHINERY OPERATORS."

STASSEN CONFIRMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING INTO DENMARK'S SHIPPING A TANKER TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS PREPARING A REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE MATTER.

DESPITE THIS TANKER DEAL STASSEN HINTED BROADLY THAT EISENHOWER PROBABLY WILL ORDER AID CONTINUED TO DENMARK BECAUSE OF NATIONAL SECURITY FACTORS. HE SAID THE TANKER DEAL PRESENTED NO NEW OR SPECIAL SITUATION, SINCE DENMARK CONTRACTED TO BUILD THIS VESSEL AND OTHERS IN 1948, BEFORE PRESENT EXPORT CONTROLS WERE CLAMPED ON.

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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 7 P.M. EST MONDAY DEC.21

ARMY PURCHASING (380)

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-ARMY PURCHASING OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, WHICH ZOOMED EARLY IN THE KOREAN WAR, HAS SLOWED TO A WALK AND WILL EASE OFF EVEN MORE NEXT YEAR, UNDERSECRETARY EARL D.JOHNSON REPORTED TODAY.

THE CUTBACK, JOHNSON ADDED, DOES NOT MEAN THAT MONEY ISN'T STILL FLOWING INTO INDUSTRY.

"IT MEANS RATHER," HE SAID, "THAT INDUSTRY'S BACKLOG OF ARMY ORDERS IS SHRINKING. MONEY IS STILL FLOWING OUT AT CLOSE TO PEAK RATES BECAUSE OF OLD OPEN ORDERS."

JOHNSON, WHO WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS NEXT MONTH, GAVE HIS PICTURE OF SLACKENING MILITARY BUYING IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW IN THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE "U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT."

"DURING LAST JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER," HE SAID, "WE BOUGHT ABOUT 80 PER CENT LESS GOODS THAN DURING THE SAME MONTHS LAST YEAR."

HE PREDICTED THAT ARMY PURCHASES, NOW RUNNING AT ABOUT 3 3/4 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, WILL DROP TO 3 BILLION UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND "WELL BELOW" THAT IF CONTEMPLATED HEAVY CUTS ARE MADE IN MILITARY MANPOWER.

JOHNSON SAID WITH ITS PRESENT FORCE AND MISSION THE ARMY WILL SPEND ABOUT 10 PER CENT LESS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH ENDS JUNE 30, THAN LAST YEAR. IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, HE ADDED, "EXPENDITURES SHOULD GO DOWN ANOTHER 10 PER CENT, AT LEAST," EVEN WITH A SLIGHT UPSWING IN EQUIPMENT ORDERS NEXT SPRING.

"THESE ECONOMIES," JOHNSON ASSERTED, "ARE BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN A HOST OF WAYS, BUT THE LARGEST SINGLE OPPORTUNITY IS THROUGH BETTER CONTROL OVER THE INPUT INTO THE SUPPLY SYSTEM--BETTER CONTROL OF INVENTORIES, IN OTHER WORDS."

HE SAID NET ARMY PURCHASES DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS AVERAGED LESS THAN 120 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH COMPARED WITH 500 MILLION IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, ONE BILLION 87 MILLION IN FISCAL 51-52 AND 927 MILLION IN FISCAL 50-51.

JOHNSON SAID FOOD PURCHASES CONTINUED "IN A NORMAL SENSE" BUT THAT BUYING OF ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE WAS ALMOST SHUT OFF. THERE WERE EXCEPTIONS IN SUCH FIELDS AS GUIDED MISSILES, HE ADDED.

ASKED WHAT EFFECT THE CUT IN MILITARY PURCHASING WOULD HAVE IN THE FACE OF A PREDICTED GRADUAL DECLINE IN BUSINESS GENERALLY, JOHNSON REPLIED:

"A CUT IN ARMY BUYING WILL MAKE IT (THE NATIONAL ECONOMY) WEAKER--THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. ARMY ORDERS WON'T BE THE DYNAMIC INFLUENCE THEY WERE WHEN WE WERE EXPANDING."

WHAT THE ARMY IS TRYING TO DO, JOHNSON SAID, IS BUILD UP A MOBILIZATION RESERVE IN SUCH THINGS AS TANKS AND AMMUNITION AND ELIMINATE RESERVES IN SUCH ITEMS AS PAPER TOWELS AND LIGHT BULBS. HE ESTIMATED THAT THE SERVICE HAS ON HAND NOW WELL OVER A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF COMMERCIAL TYPE PRODUCTS, WHICH WILL BE INCREASED BY ANY BIG REDUCTION IN MILITARY MANPOWER.

JOHNSON SAID THE ARMY NEEDED NO BIG RESERVES OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS BECAUSE THESE COULD BE STOCKPILED AS QUICKLY AS MEN WERE DRAFTED IN AN EMERGENCY TO NEED THEM.

IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THE ARMY IS TRYING TO SELL ABOUT 2 1/2 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SURPLUS MATERIAL ACCUMULATED SINCE WORLD WAR II. JOHNSON ESTIMATED ITS CURRENT SALE VALUE AT ABOUT ONE-EIGHTH OF THE 2 1/2 BILLION PURCHASE COST.

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(420) CHINA TRADE

BY CARL HARTMAN

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-U.S. FIGURES SHOW FREE WORLD SHIPMENTS TO COMMUNIST CHINA ON THE DOWNGRADE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR.

FOREIGN AID-COMMERCE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS ESTIMATE EXPORTS TO RED CHINA FROM NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS AT $18,500,000 (M) IN JULY AND $19,300,000 IN AUGUST. THE MONTHLY AVERAGE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WAS $27,100,000 (M).

SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) HAS DENOUNCED ALL SUCH DEALS AS "BLOOD TRADE" ON THE GROUND THAT U.S. SOLDIERS ARE STILL BEING HELD PRISONERS BY THE REDS. HE CALLED FOR DENYING U.S. AID TO COUNTRIES TRADING WITH CHINA.

THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, CONTENDS THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT TRY TO DICTATE TRADE POLICY TO ITS ALLIES ONCE THEY PROMISE NOT TO SEND CHINA STRATEGIC GOODS.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES THINK FIGURES WILL SHOW A DECLINE IN FREEWORLD-RED CHINA TRADE FOR THE ENTIRE LATTER HALF OF 1953. ONE REASON IS THE PROBABLE END OF IRON AND STEEL SHIPMENTS FROM FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY, WHICH COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ESIMATES PUT AT MORE THAN 2 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS THE DECLINE OF COMMUNIST CHINESE BUYING FROM THE BRITISH COLONY OF HONG KONG, THEIR MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER IN THE FREE WORLD.

HONG KONG'S SALES AVERAGED MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH IN THE EARLY PART OF THE YEAR. THE JULY-OCTOBER FIGURES RAN LESS THAN HALF THAT.

THE RECENT DECLINE IS LAID TO A SLACKENING OF CHINESE DEMAND FOR ANTIBIOTICS, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE END OF FIGHTING IN KOREA.

BRITAIN ITSELF RANKED FIFTH IN SHIPMENTS TO RED CHINA FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1953. BRITISH EXPERTS THINK THE FIGURE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR WILL REACH ABOUT $17,400,000 (M), MOST OF IT IN WOOL, CHEMICALS, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

JAPAN FORMERLY SOLD ABOUT A THIRD OF ITS EXPORTS TO CHINA; LAST YEAR IT SHIPPED ONLY $522,000 WORTH. THE MAJOR ITEM WAS EDIBLE SEAWEED. THERE WAS A SPURT EARLY THIS YEAR AND JAPANESE EXPORTS TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS REACHED A VALUE OF $2,300,000 (M).

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U.S. OFFICIALS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE FRENCH AND GERMAN STEEL SHIPMENTS, WHICH INCREASED LAST YEAR AND CLIMBED EVEN FASTER AT THE START OF 1953. IRON AND STEEL PLATES APPARENTLY HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY ON COMMUNIST SHOPPING LISTS. FRENCH LEADERS, WHEN THEY WERE IN WASHINGTON LAST MARCH, PROMISED TO HALT THE TRADE. WEST GERMANY FOLLOWED SUIT EARLY THIS FALL.

LAST YEAR PAKISTAN WAS THE SECOND BIGGEST EXPORTER TO CHINA, SELLING NEARLY 84 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GOODS, LARGELY COTTON. THIS YEAR THE TRADE HAS FALLEN WELL BELOW THAT LEVEL.

CEYLON, WHICH TAKES NO U.S. AID, SENT ABOUT 26 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MERCHANDISE TO COMMUNIST CHINA IN 1952, ALMOST ALL OF IT HIGHLY STRATEGIC RUBBER. THE RATE OF THESE SHIPMENTS ALMOST DOUBLED IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS YEAR AND THEY ARE STILL GOING ON.

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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 7 A.M., EST MONDAY DEC. 21

(250) U.S.-RUSSIA AIR

(ADVANCE)...WASHINGTON, DEC. 21 (AP)-GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, SAID TODAY AMERICA'S AIR OFFENSE STILL PACKS A HARDER PUNCH THAN RUSSIA'S--BUT HE WARNED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS MAKING "A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO OVERCOME THAT LEAD."

THE AIR FORCE CHIEF ALSO SAID IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW IN THE MAGAZINE "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" THAT THE UNITED STATES IS IN BETTER POSITION TO STRIKE THROUGH THE AIR, SHOULD WAR COME, THAN TO DEFEND HERSELF AGAINST AIR ASSAULT.

HE SUGGESTED THE SOVIETS MAY BE TRAILING IN DEVELOPMENT OF A POTENT AIR OFFENSE BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS HAVE HAD PRACTICALLY NO WARTIME EXPERIENCE WITH STRATEGIC, LONG-RANGE OPERATIONS.

TWINING SAID AMERICAN AIR SUPERIORITY WOULD CUT DOWN ANY ADVANTAGE THE RUSSIANS MIGHT ENJOY FROM BIG LAND ARMIES.

HE HINTED THAT ATOMIC BOMBS WOULD MAKE STRATEGIC BOMBING MORE EFFECTIVE THAN IT WAS IN WORLD WAR II, WHEN ONLY CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVES WERE USED EXCEPT FOR THE TWO A-BOMBS DROPPED ON JAPAN.

DURING WORLD WAR II, HE SAID, AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SOMETIMES HAD TO STRIKE AT A TARGET FOUR OR FIVE TIMES "BEFORE WE KNOCKED IT OUT."

"I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK A SECOND TIME TO KNOCK OUT A TARGET NOW," HE ADDED.

TWINING SAID THAT IF WAR SHOULD BREAK OUT, THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE WOULD SWING TO THE ATTACK "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" TO CRUSH THE ENEMY'S

LONG-RANGE AIR FORCE, BOTH IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND. HE SAID A TWIN OBJECTIVE WOULD BE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY'S FACTORIES FOR MAKING AIRCRAFT, WEAPONS AND OTHER WAR GOODS DEEP BEHIND THE LINES.

THIS, HE INDICATED, WOULD BE THE PLAN, IF HUGE RUSSIAN ARMIES WERE TO START ROLLING ACROSS WESTERN EUROPE. TWINING SAID:

"IF WAR SHOULD COME, AND WE STARTED OUR AIR OFFENSIVE, . . . I DON'T THINK THEIR ARMY COULD BE EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED FOR VERY LONG."

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WASHINGTON,DEC.21 (AP)-JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR EIKICHI ARAKI TODAY PAID A FAREWELL VISIT TO SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR HOME AFTER AN 18-MONTH TOUR OF DUTY HERE.

HE THEN ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD DISCOVERED "A TRUE AND MOST CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY TOWARD JAPAN."

"I LEAVE THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID, "WITH A FIRM CONVICTION THAT TH RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE COME CLOSER TODAY THAN WHEN I SET FOOT ON THIS SHORE 18 MONTHS AGO.

"ON THE DAY OF MY DEPARTURE, LET ME OFFER MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL AMERICANS WITH WHOM I WAS BROUGHT INTO CONTACT OFFICIALLY AS WELL AS PRIVATELY."

THE DIPLOMAT WILL LEAVE HERE TOMORROW MORNING FOR HIS HOMELAND.

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MINNEAPOLIS, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE EDITOR OF THE MINNESOTA DAILY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDENT NEWSPAPER, LEFT FOR WASHINGTON TONIGHT WHERE HE SAID HE AND NINE OTHER STUDENT EDITORS WOULD SEEK PASSPORTS TO VISIT RUSSIA.

DEAN SCHOELKOPF, SON OF HAROLD SCHOELKOPF, EDITOR OF THE ST. CLOUD, MINN., DAILY TIMES, SAID THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD GRANTED THE 10 VISAS, BUT THAT U.S. PASSPORTS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED ALTHOUGH THEY WERE APPLIED FOR A MONTH AGO.

THE GROUP PLANS TO LEAVE BY PLANE FROM NEW YORK THURSDAY OR FRIDAY IF THE PASSPORTS ARE FORTHCOMING.

THE TRIP WAS DECIDED UPON LAST FALL AT A CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS.

BESIDES SCHOELKOPF THOSE PLANNING TO MAKE THE TRIP INCLUDE TWO STUDENTS EACH FROM VASSAR, NORTHWESTERN AND KNOX AND ONE EACH FROM REED, SWARTHMORE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

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CLEVELAND, DEC. 21 (AP)-THE CLEVELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION TODAY FIRED "FOR GOOD AND JUST CAUSE" A 37-YEAR-OLD TEACHER WHO REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BEFORE THE OHIO UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMISSION.

THE BOARD FOUND EDWARD LIKOVER, AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE CLEVELAND TRADES SCHOOL, GUILTY OF "CONDUCT UNBECOMING A TEACHER."

LIKOVER QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF THE COMMISSION WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE IT AT A HEARING HERE DEC. 2.

THE TEACHER PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE BOARD AND HAD NOT ASKED A HEARING.

AFTER THE ACTION TODAY, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT APPEAL THE DISMISSAL

THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN NO ACTION AGAINST LIKOVER. HOWEVER, IT WAS EXPECTED TO ACT TOMORROW ON REFERRAL TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY (CLEVELAND) PROSECUTOR THE CASES OF NINE CLEVELAND WITNESSES WHO

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REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, FOR POSSIBLE CONTEMPT CITATIONS.

AN OHIO JUDGE HAS RULED WITNESSES CANNOT REFUSE TO ANSWER COMMISSION QUESTIONS, BECAUSE OHIO LAW GRANTS IMMUNITY TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BASED ON SUCH TESTIMONY.

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NIGHT LEAD U.N.-ATOMIC 1953

BY FRANCIS W.CARPENTER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC 21 (AP)-WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DIPLOMATS WELCOMED TODAY MOSCOW'S AGREEMENT TO SECRET TALKS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR A PEACEFUL POOL ON ATOMIC ENERGY. BUT THEY SAID RUSSIA HAS NOT YET SHOWN HER HAND.

THE DIPLOMATS POINTED OUT THAT THE RED NOTE RAISED ONCE MORE A VARIETY OF RUSSIAN DEMANDS, SUCH AS BANNING ATOMIC WEAPONS BEFORE CONTROLS ARE WORKING, WHICH HAVE BEEN REJECTED TIME AND AGAIN BY THE WEST.

IF THE RUSSIANS RENEW THESE DEMANDS AT THE START OF THE SECRET CONVERSATIONS U.N. OBSERVERS FEAR THE WHOLE PROBLEM WILL BE STYMIED AGAIN. IT HAS BEEN DEADLOCKED SINCE 1946.

HENRY CABOT LODGE JR., CHIEF AMERICAN DELEGATE, EXPRESSED THE CONSENSUS OF A NUMBER OF DELEGATES WHEN HE SAID MOSCOW'S MOVE WAS "ENCOURAGING--IF TRUE." HE SAID HE WANTED TO STUDY THE TEXT BEFORE COMMENTING FURTHER.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE RUSSIAN RESPONSE IS "GOOD, GOOD." INDIA IS A LEADER IN THE NEUTRAL BLOC IN THE U.N.

AMBASSADOR ALEXIS KYROU, GREECE, PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SAID THE DEVELOPMENT "PERMITS US TO BECOME MORE OPTIMISTIC. AT LEAST WE ARE OVER THE DEAD POINT."

KYROU WAS REFERRING TO THE SITUATION IN WHICH THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION HAS NOT BEEN MEETING BECAUSE IT HAD NOTHING TO TALK

ABOUT. THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS TO THE U.N. ASSEMBLY ON DEC.8, PLUS AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION TO RESUME TALKS, MAKE IT CERTAIN THE COMMISSION IS BACK IN BUSINESS ONCE MORE.

SIR GLADWYN JEBB, BRITAIN, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION THIS MONTH. HIS AIDES SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO CONVENE THE COMMISSION DURING HIS TERM. ON JAN.1 LODGE WILL BECOME CHAIRMAN AND SOME DELEGATES EXPECT THE COMMISSION WILL BE CALLED TO MEET EARLY IN JANUARY.

THE ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A SUB-COMMITTEE TO HOLD PRIVATE TALKS ON ATOMIC AND ARMS CONTROL AND TO MEET IN VARIOUS CAPITALS IF NECESSARY. THE DELEGATES EXPECT THAT THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE SOVIET UNION AND CANADA WILL BE NAMED TO THIS SUB-COMMITTEE AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY IT MAY TRAVEL DURING THE SPRING, PERHAPS TO PARIS.

LODGE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AS CHIEF DELEGATE BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A DEPUTY TO SIT THROUGH THE LONG AND DETAILED MEETINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE. THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE FOR SECRET TALKS. MOSCOW'S NOTE TODAY INDICATED THE RUSSIANS MIGHT AGREE TO THAT PROCEDURE. THE RUSSIANS AGREED TO PRIVATE TALKS ON DISARMAMENT IN A FOUR POWER SUB-COMMITTEE IN PARIS DURING THE 1951 ASSEMBLY BUT NOTHING CAME OF THOSE TALKS.

THE PROCEDURE LIKELY WILL BE THIS: THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WILL MEET, AGREE ON A SUB-COMMITTEE, AND THEN LET THE SUB-COMMITTEE WORK. THE SUB-COMMITTEE LIKELY WILL TAKE UP THE EISENHOWER PLAN AND WILL LOOK TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MORE DETAILS. AFTER THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE ITS OPENING, THE OTHERS WILL LOOK TO MOSCOW FOR REACTION. THE OPINION OF THE DELEGATES AFTER READING THE SOVIET NOTE TODAY WAS THAT MOSCOW STILL CAN MOVE ANY WAY SHE WISHES.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 21 (AP)-WESTERN DELEGATES SAID TODAY THEY EXPECT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSALS ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO BE TAKEN UP FORMALLY IN THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION IN JANUARY.

THESE DELEGATES APPEARED ENCOURAGED BY DISPATCHES FROM MOSCOW STATING THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CONSIDER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PLAN FOR POOLING ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND WOULD TALK ABOUT THE PLAN IN PRIVATE SESSIONS.

THIS WAS A REVERSAL IN THEIR ATTITUDE AFTER SOVIET DELEGATE ANDREI Y.VISHINSKY IN HIS CLOSING SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY DEC. 9 INDICATED THE RUSSIANS MIGHT REJECT THE EISENHOWER PLAN. EVERYONE ELSE IN THE U.N. FROM THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, MRS. VIAJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, 9, $92, 5E3 LINE, APPLAUDED THE PLAN.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 21 (AP)-GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXIS KYROU TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND ITS NORTHERN COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE BY THE MIDDLE OF 1954 FOR THE U.N. TO WITHDRAW ITS PEACE OBSERVATION MISSION.

AS A RESULT OF KYROU'S STATEMENT, THE BALKAN SUBCOMMISSION OF THE PEACE OBSERVATION COMMISSION DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF U.N. OBSERVERS TO THREE, PLUS THE PRINCIPAL OBSERVER. THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED BEFORE NEXT JULY 31 TO SEE WHETHER THE OBSERVERS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED ALTOGETHER.

THE BALKAN SUBCOMMISSION HAS KEPT WATCH OVER THE GREEK-ALBANIAN AND GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDERS SINCE THE ABOLITION OF THE EARLIER BALKAN COMMISSION WHICH WAS SENT TO GREECE DURING THE GREEK CIVIL WAR. AT PRESENT THERE ARE SIX MILITARY OBSERVERS IN GREECE.

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FIRST LEAD PALESTINE

BY WILLIAM N.OATIS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 21 (AP)-ANDREI Y.VISHINSKY OF THE SOVIET UNION THREATENED TODAY TO VETO THE KEY PROVISION OF A THREE-POWER RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

IF THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GOES THROUGH WITH HIS THREAT THE VETO WILL BE THE 57TH HIS COUNTRY HAS WIELDED TO KILL PROPOSALS BEFORE THE 11-NATION COUNCIL IN THE U.N.'S 8-YEAR HISTORY.

THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION LAST WEDNESDAY IN AN EFFORT TO COMPOSE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL OVER ISRAEL'S DIGGING A HYDROELECTRIC-POWER CANAL IN THE DEMILITARIZED BORDER ZONE ALONG THE JORDAN RIVER.

VISHINSKY SAID THE KEY PARAGRAPH HAD NO BEARING ON THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND "RAISES PROBLEMS ON A WORLD SCALE WITH ALL SORTS OF COMPLICATIONS."

"WE ACCORDINGLY WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST THIS PARAGRAPH AS THE ONLY WAY OUT," HE DECLARED.

THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION WOULD HAVE THE COUNCIL ASK THE U.N. TRUCE CHIEF IN PALESTINE, DANISH MAJ.GEN.VAGN BENNIKE, TO

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"EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF RECONCILING THE INTERESTS INVOLVED" AND "TAKE SUCH STEPS AS HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE TO EFFECT A RECONCILIATION, HAVING IN VIEW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AFFECTED X X X FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE."

VISHINSKY OBJECTED THAT THE WORD "INTERESTS" WAS TOO VAGUE AND THE TERM "GENERAL WELFARE" TOO BROAD. HE MOVED THAT A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY TO ALLOW STUDY OF THE PROBLEM AND TO ENABLE THE DISPUTANTS TO TRY FOR AGREEMENT ANY WAY THEY MIGHT SEE FIT.

THE THREE WESTERN POWERS EARLIER HAD REVISED THEIR RESOLUTION IN THE INTEREST OF CLARIFICATION TO MEET OBJECTIONS FROM NATIONALIST CHINA AND PAKISTAN. A CHINESE SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISION WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIS DELEGATION. LEBANON HAS ITS OWN RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL, TO CONDEMN WHAT IT CALLS "THE UNILATERAL ACTION OF ISRAEL."

THE COUNCIL LEFT ALL THREE PROPOSALS--SOVIET, WESTERN AND LEBANESE--HANGING FIRE BY ADJOURNING TILL TOMORROW. IT WILL MEET TWICE THEN (11 A.M. AND 3 P.M., EST) TO TRY FOR A DECISION.

EARLIER TODAY, ISRAEL MADE A SECOND REQUEST FOR A U.N.-SPONSORED PEACE CONFERENCE WITH NEIGHBORING JORDAN. SHE CHARGED 15 NEW VIOLATIONS OF THE PALESTINE TRUCE BY "MARAUDERS EMANATING FROM JORDAN."

AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN, ISRAEL'S CHIEF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE U.N. TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE HAD WRITTEN SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLF ON THE SUBJECT.

IN THE LETTER, WHICH HE REAL ALOUD, HE RECALLED THAT ON NOV.23 ISRAEL HAD ASKED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONVOKE AN ISRAEKU-JORDAN CONFERENCE UNDER THE 1949 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

HE WROTE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT "HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE STEPS TAKEN" TO CALL THIS CONFERENCE.

"THE SITUATION IN THIS AREA HAS DETERIORATED FURTHER IN RECENT WEEKS", THE LETTER SAID, "AND THE URGENCY OF THIS CONFERENCE IS EVEN GREATER THAN WHEN I FIRST REQUESTED ITS CONVOCATION."

EBAN TOLD REPORTERS ARTICLE 12 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT MADE THE CALLING OF THE CONFERENCE MANDATORY. HE NOTED THAT NEARLY A MONTH HAD ELAPSED SINCE HIS FIRST APPROACH. HE REMARKED: "OUR DISQUIET IS FULLY JUSTIFIED."

"THIS CONCERN," HE DECLARED, "ARISES OUT OF SOME INCIDENTS--ATTACKS UPON ISRAEL PERSONNEL AND TERRITORY BY MARAUDERS EMANATING FROM JORDAN, IN SOME CASES WITH LOSS OF LIFE AND WITH SOME PERSONAL INJURY, WITH DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND WITH SOME ATTEMPTED LOSS OF LIFE."

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AS TO WHAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL, EBAN SAID: "WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN ON THIS SUBJECT. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE UPSHOT OF THOSE CONTACTS."

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EIGHTH NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS

BY GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

PANMUNJOM, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-AMERICAN CONVERTS TO COMMUNISM IN A WILD PRISON DEMONSTRATION TODAY ANSWERED A FINAL BROADCAST APPEAL TO COME HOME WITH SHOUTED "NOES," CLENCHED FISTS AND THE THUNDEROUS WORDS OF THE RED "INTERNATIONALE."

THE ARMISTICE-SET PERIOD FOR "COME HOME" EXPLANATIONS ENDS AT MIDNIGHT (10 A.M., EST). AFTER THAT, THE 22 AMERICANS WILL BE CLASSED AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE FOR 30 DAYS. THEN THEY BECOME DESERTERS.

THE U.N. COMMAND HAS RESISTED ALL RED REQUESTS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD. THE COMMUNISTS TODAY ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS TOMORROW BUT LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA OF INDIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION, SAID, "I THINK THE REPLY WILL BE NO."

A SHORT TIME LATER THE COMMISSION REJECTED THE RED REQUEST. IT ALSO APPROVED A REQUEST FROM THE PRO-COMMUNIST PRISONERS THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO TALK WITH ALLIED AND RED NEWS CORRESPONDENTS INSIDE THEIR COMPOUND. THE MEETING WILL BE TOMORROW.

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SGT. RICHARD G. CORDEN, A RHODE ISLANDER, LED THE AMERICAN CAPTIVES IN A TUMULTUOUS FRENZY OF SHOUTING AND WILD DANCING WHILE THE 5-MINUTE AMERICAN APPEAL WAS BROADCAST FOUR TIMES INTO THE PRISON COMPOUND.

CORDEN, WEARING A SHORT COAT DRAPED OVER HIS SHOULDERS LIKE A CLOAK, STALKED ABOUT THE COMPOUND, LED CHEERS AND JEERED AT AMERICAN OFFICERS OUTSIDE.

OTHERS IN THE DEMONSTRATING GROUP, IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS CARRIED BY CORRESPONDENTS, INCLUDED: CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, KERMIT, TEX.; PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON, ALDEN, MINN.; CPL. WILLIAM C. WHITE, PLUMMERVILLE, ARK.; SGT. RUFUS O. DOUGLAS, SAN ANTONIO, TEX.; SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS, CORSICANA, TEX.; AND CPL. LOWELL D. SKINNER, AKRON, OHIO.

AN OBSERVER CALLED THE DEMONSTRATION "AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF THE COLLECTIVE MIND SHUTTING OUT WHAT IT FEARS."

SEVENTEEN AMERICANS JOINED THE LONE BRITISH CAPTIVE AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS IN A WILD DEMONSTRATION IN THE KOREAN MILITARIZED ZONE.

TWO OTHER AMERICANS WHO COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED WALKED INTO A HUT AND AVOIDED THE DEMONSTRATION.

THE LAST THREE AMERICANS WERE IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL. THEY DID NOT HEAR THE BROADCAST APPEAL.

FIVE-MINUTE APPEALS WERE BROADCAST TO THE THREE NATIONAL GROUPS WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION AND REJECTED FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS.

THE PRISONERS STAGED A LEAPING, SHOUTING DANCE INSIDE THEIR COMPOUND AND TRIED TO DROWN OUT THE BROADCASTS.

DELAYED MORE THAN TWO HOURS BY A DISPUTE, THE BROADCASTS WERE REPEATED UNTIL 12:04 P.M. (10:04 PMM., EST, TUESDAY) AND THE PRISONERS WERE GIVEN A HALF-HOUR TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS.

AT 12:30 P.M. THE ALLIED BROADCASTERS CALLED QUITS.

THE 17 AMERICANS WHO JOINED IN THE DEMONSTRATION MASSED AGAINST THE COMPOUND'S WIRE FENCE SINGING THE "INTERNATIONALE" AND "SOLIDARITY FOREVER" THROUGHOUT FOUR PLAYINGS OF THE AMERICAN APPEAL THEY SANG IN ENGLISH AND KOREAN.

WHEN THE BROADCAST CLOSED. SGT. RICHARD G. CORDEN OF EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I., SHOUTED:

"DO ANY AMERICANS WANT TO GO HOME?"

"NO," THE AMERICANS THUNDERED, SHAKING THEIR FISTS.

CORDEN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE LEADER OF THE AMERICANS.

THE LONE BRITON, ROYAL MARINE ANDREW CONDRON, THEN SHOUTED:

"DO ANY BRITISH WANT TO GO HOME?"

AND EH SHOUTED IN REPLY, "NO."

THE PRISONERS CALLED AN INDIAN OFFICER AND INSISTED THAT THEY BE PERMITTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT. THE REQUEST WAS NOT ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY.

THE RECORDED VOICE OF AN AMERICAN MAJOR BROADCAST OVER A LOUDSPEAKER TOUCHED OFF THE HECTIC DEMONSTRATION.

THE THREE AMERICANS IN THE HOSPITAL WERE IDENTIFIED AS CPL.OTHO G. BELL OF OLYMPIA, WASH.; SGT.LARANCE SULLIVAN OF OMAHA, NEB., AND CPL. WILLIAM A. COWART OF MONTICELLO. ARK.

A WRANGLE AMONG NEUTRAL OBSERVERS DELAYED THE BROADCAST FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WHILE PRISONERS STOKED UP THEIR SPECULAR EXHIBITION.

SEPARATE APPEALS WERE RECORDED FOR THREE GROUPS--22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS--WHO EMBRACED COMMUNISM AND REJECTED FACE-TO-FACE TALKS URGING THEM TO COME HOME.

HOURS BEFORE THE BROADCAST BEGAN, INDIAN GUARDS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND GATES WAITING TO GIVE SAFE CONDUCT ON THE FIRST STEPS HOMEWARD TO ANY PRISONER WHO CHOSE.

"NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!" THE RECORDED VOICE OF MAJ. EDWARD MOORER ~~MOORAR~~ OF TACOMA, WASH., BOOMED FROM A LOUDSPEAKER TRUCK PARKED WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE COMPOUND'S WIRE FENCE.

"NOW IS THE TIME!" THE BROADCAST SAID.

"COME FORWARD AND INFORM THE GUARDS NEAREST YOU.

"INDIAN GUARDS WILL PROTECT YOU.

"YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR."

BUT INSIDE THE COMPOUND, SOUTH KOREAN AND AMERICAN PRISONERS WRITHED IN A WEIRD, VIOLENT DANCE. AS THEY LEAPED AND CAVORTED ABOUT THE COMPOUND, THEY RAISED THEIR VOICES IN SONG AND SHOUTS, DROWING OUT THE LOUDSPEAKER.

"IF YOU REALLY WANT TO COME HOME, NOW IS THE CHANCE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING," MOORAR'S VOICE CRASHED.

"THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD EXPIRES TONIGHT," THE BROADCAST WARNED.

THE DANCE GREW WILDER INSIDE THE COMPOUND. THE WORDS WERE LOST IN A CACAPHONY OF SHOUTS AND NOISE.

THE DANCERS LOCKED ARMS AND FORMED TWO CIRCLES. GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR, THEY RACED AROUND AND AROUND, FASTER AND FASTER.

INSIDE EACH CIRCLE STOOD A PRISONER DRESSED IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES OF MANY COLORS--YELLOW, GREEN, BLUE AND WHITE. A KOREAN SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS THE TRADITIONAL KOREAN HARVEST DANCE.

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"NO SUCH SAFE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HOME IS LIKELY TO COME AGAIN," THE LOUDSPEAKER BLARED.

AROUND AND AROUND THE DANCERS LEAPED.

AMERICAN OFFICERS SAID THEY MIGHT REPEAT THE 5-MINUTE BROADCAST, ALL DAY IF NECESSARY "TO BE SURE THAT ALL THE MEN GET THEIR CHANCE TO HEAR."

"THEY CAN'T KEEP UP SHOUTING ALL DAY," ONE AMERICAN SAID.

AS THE DANCERS WEAVED AROUND THE COMPOUND, 10 OF THE AMERICAN CAPTIVES STOOD TO ONE SIDE AND JUMPED UP AND DOWN IN RHYTHM. TWO OTHER AMERICANS SAUNTERED TO THE FAR END OF THE COMPOUND. HANDS IN

POCKETS.
THREE AMERICANS HAD NO CHANCE WHATEVER TO HEAR THE BROADCAST. THEY WERE IN THE COMPOUND HOSPITAL.
"WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME AMONG YOU WHO DESIRE TO BE REPATRIATED--WHO WANT TO RETURN HOME, BUT WHO ARE BEING FORCIBLY PREVENTED FROM EXPRESSING YOUR FREE WILL BY FEAR, THREATS AND STRONGARM METHODS OF CERTAIN OF YOUR FELLOW PRISONERS," THE LOUD-SPEAKER BOOMED.
"IT IS CLEAR THAT YOUR SO-CALLED REPRESENTATIVES ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION AND RESTRICTING YOUR FREEDOM TO SPEAK AND ACT AS INDIVIDUALS."
THE WORDS MERGED INTO A TORRENT OF NOISE FROM THE COMPOUND.
"DO NOT BE AFRAID," MOORAR'S VOICE COUNSELED.
"SEVEN KOREANS AND ONE AMERICAN HAVE RETURNED TO FREEDOM FROM YOUR COMPOUND. THEY REVORT THAT THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO ESCAPE.
"YOU CAN OBTAIN YOUR FREEDOM WITHOUT DANGER."
MOORAR TOLD HOW CPL. EDWARD DICKENSON OF CRACKERS NECK, VA., WITH THE AMERICAN POWS UNTIL OCT. 20, "RETURNED HOME TO HIS LOVED ONES AND ENJOYED A COMBINATION 30-DAY LEAVE AND HONEYMOON."
"THIS FACT EXPLODES COMMUNIST CHARGES THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE HARMED IF YOU RETURN," MOORAR'S WORDS ROLLED OUT.
"I ASSURE YOU NOTHING SHALL HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY AT THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF YOUR DECISION--WHETHER TO REMAIN OR TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES..."

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SHOUTS THUNDERED OUT OF THE COMPOUND IN OPPOSITION TO THE LOUD-SPEAKER.
AMERICAN PRISONERS POINTED AND LAUGHED AT THE AMERICAN OFFICERS, CORRESPONDENTS AND OTHER OBSERVERS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND.
THE PRISON FENCES WERE HUNG WITH SIGNS. "FIRM IS OUR STAND," ONE PROCLAIMED. "LONG LIVE PEACE," SAID ANOTHER. AND "LONG LIVE OUR VICTORIES."
THE LONG DELAY IN THE BROADCAST APPEAL WAS CAUSED BY ARGUMENT ON A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION OVER THE TEXT OF THE SCHEDULED BROADCAST TO SOUTH KOREANS. DELETIONS EVENTUALLY WERE MADE IN THE TEXT. THE AMERICAN TEXT ALSO WAS CENSORED BUT THE MINOR DELETIONS IN IT CAUSED NO DELAY.
SECONDS BEFORE THE BROADCAST FINALLY GOT UNDER WAY, FIVE PRISONERS STOOD ONLY 6 FEET FROM THE COMPOUND GATE PLAYING A GAME WITH SMALL CUES ON A WOODEN TABLE.
ONE WAS IDENTIFIED FROM PICTURES AS PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON, WHOSE MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE OF ALDEN, MINN., AWAITED IN TOKYO FOR RESULTS OF THE FINAL APPEAL. SHE PLANNED TO LEAVE BY PLANE FOR HER HOME TONIGHT.
INDIA ASKED DELETION OF A SENTENCE IN THE AMERICAN TEXT WARNING, "THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY." THE ACTION INDICATED THAT THE INDIAN COMMAND MAY BE COMPLETING A SCREENING OF ITS OWN TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS WANT TO RETURN HOME.
ABOUT 20,000 COMMUNIST PRISONERS AND THE 100 ALLIED PRISONERS HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR ANSWER IN EXPLANATIONS PROVIDED BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE.
ALL HAD REFUSED REPATRIATION DURING THE BIG ARMISTICE EXCHANGE.
THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD ENDS AT MIDNIGHT. THE REDS WANT AN EXTENSION. THE U.N. COMMAND RESISTED.
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PANMUNJOM, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-TEXT OF U. N. COMMAND BROADCAST TO 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO CHOSE COMMUNISM, MADE ON THE FINAL DAY FOR REPATRIATION PERMITTED BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE:
ATTENTION ALL POWS IN THE COMPOUND. ATTENTION.

I AM MAJ. EDWARD MOORAR OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND EXPLAINER GROUP. THIS IS THE FINAL DAY OF THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD PROVIDED AS A CONDITION OF THE ARMISTICE IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE. REPEATEDLY, THROUGH THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION, WE HAVE OFFERED YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO ATTEND AN EXPLANATION PERIOD. YOU HAVE NOT AVAILED YOURSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND RIGHT WHICH EXPIRES TODAY.
WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME AMONG YOU WHO DESIRE TO BE REPATRIATED--WHO WANT TO RETURN HOME, BUT WHO ARE BEING FORCIBLY PREVENTED FROM EXPRESSING YOUR FREE WILL BY FEAR, THREATS AND STRONG-ARM METHODS OF CERTAIN OF YOUR FELLOW PRISONERS. IT IS CLEAR THAT YOUR SO-CALLED REPRESENTATIVES ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION AND RESTRICTING YOUR FREEDOM TO SPEAK AND ACT AS INDIVIDUALS.
DO NOT BE AFRAID. SEVEN KOREANS AND ONE AMERICAN HAVE RETURNED TO FREEDOM FROM YOUR COMPOUND. THEY REPORT THAT THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO ESCAPE. YOU CAN OBTAIN YOUR FREEDOM WITHOUT DANGER IF YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SAFE SITUATION WHICH EXISTS HERE AT THIS TIME.
WE HAVE TAKEN THIS MEANS TO INSURE THAT YOUR RIGHTS AS INDIVIDUALS CAN BE EXERCISED. THE INDIAN GUARDS ARE PRESENT TO INSURE YOUR SAFETY. WE ARE PERSONALLY HERE TO RECEIVE ANY OF YOU WHO DESIRE TO RETURN HOM. CPL. EDWARD DICKENSON RETURNED HOME TO HIS LOVED ONES AND ENJOYED A COMBINATION 30-DAY LEAVE AND HONEYMOON. THIS FACT EXPLODES COMMUNIST CHARGES THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE HARMED IF YOU RETURN.
I ASSURE YOUNOTHING SHALL HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY AT THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF YOUR DECISION---WHETHER TO REMAIN OR TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

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IF THERE ARE ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN FEARFUL OF EXPRESSING YOUR DESIRE TO RETURN TO AMERICA, NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY, NOW IS THE TIME, COME FORWARD AND INFORM THE GUARDS NEAREST YOU. INDIAN GUARDS WILL PROTECT YOU. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU WILL HAVE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WITH FULL PROTECTION IN IMMEDIATE PRESENCE OF STRONG INDIAN GUARDS. THE GUARDS WILL PROTECT YOU AND IN A MATTER OF HOURS YOU WILL BE ON YOUR WAY HOME.
WE SHALL WAIT HERE WITH THE INDIAN GUARDS FOR HALF AN HOUR FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY DESIRE TO COME FORWARD. I REPEAT, NO SUCH SAFE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HOME IS LIKELY TO COME AGAIN. YOU NEED NOT FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO COME HOME, NOW IS THE CHANCE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING. THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD EXPIRES TONIGHT, 23 DECEMBER, AT MIDNIGHT.
THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACCEPTED REPATRIATION PRIOR TO THIS TIME WILL NOT BE HELD AGAINST YOU.
(AT THIS POINT THE BROADCAST TEXT AS ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY THE UNC AND SUBMITTED TO THE NNRC CONTAINED THIS SENTENCE: "THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY." A UNC SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SENTENCE HAD BEEN CENSORED OUT OF THE TEXT).
WITH THE PROTECTION AFFORDED YOU BY THE INDIAN GUARDS YOU AE FREE TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE.
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TEXT
PANMUNJOM, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-TEXT OF THE ALLIED APPEAL BROADCAST TODAY TO THE SINGLE PRO-COMMUNIST BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR, ROYAL MARINE ANDREW CONDRON:
MARINE CONDRON MARINE CONDRON, THE FOLLOWING IS ADDRESSED TO YOU. I AM A BRITISH OFFICER IN A SCOTTISH REGIMENT WHOSE DUTY IT IS, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES, TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS FREELY YOUR DECISION.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO RETURN HOME. YOU HAVE, FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO YOURSELF, DECLINED TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW.

NOW BOTH I AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FAILING IN OUR DUTY IF THE MATTER WERE ALLOWED TO REST THERE. IT IS NOT MY INTENTION TO ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE YOU TO RETURN HOME BUT RATHER TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE FREELY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IF FOR NO OTHER REASON WE OWE IT TO YOUR FAMILY, WHO ARE BRITISH CITIZENS, TO PLACE THEIR POINT OF VIEW BEFORE YOU. YOUR OWN WELL BEING IN THE FUTURE IS A MATTER TO WHICH YOU HAVE PRESUMABLY GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT. THEREFORE, I DO NOT PROPOSE TO ASK YOU NOW TO EXAMINE WHETHER YOUR FUTURE HAPPINESS MORE LIKELY LIES IN THE COUNTRY OF YOUR BIRTH, WITH ITS CUSTOMS AND ITS PEOPLE SO WELL KNOWN TO YOU, OR IN FOREIGN LANDS WHOSE POPULACE AND WAYS YOU CANNOT YET HAVE BEGUN TO KNOW.

WHAT I DO PROPOSE TO ASK YOU IS TO CONSIDER MOST DEEPLY THE FUTURE HAPPINESS OF YOUR FAMILY. YOUR PARENTS, WHO ARE NO LONGER YOUNG, HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED THROUGHOUT YOUR CAPTIVITY BY THE THOUGHT OF YOUR HOMECOMING. I SPOKE TO YOUR MOTHER ON THE TELEPHONE FROM JAPAN LAST MONDAY EVENING. SHE WAS DEEPLY MOVED---INDEED SHE WAS CRYING THROUGHOUT OUR CONVERSATION. SHE ASKED ME TO IMPLORE YOU TO BRING HER THE HAPPIEST DAY IN HER LIFE BY COMING HOME TO HER.

MARINE CONDRON, I URGE YOU NOW CAREFULLY AND SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO DENY HER THAT HAPPINESS.

AS YOU HAVE HEARD, INDIAN GUARDS ARE PRESENT HERE TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT MOLESTED IF YOU DECIDE TO LEAVE THIS CAMP. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO STEP FORWARD AND APPROACH A GUARD, AND IN A MATTER OF HOURS YOU WILL BE ON YOUR WAY HOME. THEIS IS IN ALL PROBABILITY YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR, AS YOU KNOW, THE EXPLANATION PERIOD ENDS TODAY.

PROVIDED THAT I AM SURE THAT YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE NOW WITHOUT COERCION OR MOLESTATION YOU WILL REALIZE THAT YOUR DECISION AFFECTS ME PERSONALLY VERY LITTLE. TO YOUGQFQWYU($ 3'03:8-))6 6974 .95£34 IT MEAN

ME PERSONALLY VERY LITTLE. TO YOUR FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY YOUR MOTHER IT MEANS EVERYTHING. WE SHALL WAIT HERE WITH THE INDIAN GUARDS FOR HALF AN HOUR. DURING THAT TIME, ANDREW CONDRON, CONSIDER YOUR POSITION MOST CAREFULLY. YOU ARE FREE NOW TO MAKE YOUR DECISION. THE OUTCOME OF THAT CHOICE WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

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WITH PRISONERS

PANMUNJOM, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-SENTENCES CENSORED OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROPOSED BROADCAST TO BALKY ALLIED PRISONERS TODAY INDICATED THE INDIAN COMMAND MAY BE CONTEMPLATING SOME FORM OF ITS OWN SCREENING TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL POWS WANT TO STAY WITH THE COMMUNISTS OR RETURN HOME.

THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE BROADCAST PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO THE 22 BALKY AMERICANS SAID AT ONE POINT:

"THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY."

A U.N. SPOKESMAN SAID INDIAN AUTHORITIES ASKED THAT STATEMENT BE DELETED. INDIA IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

THE U.N. COMMAND COMPLIED.

U.N. COMMAND AUTHORITIES ALSO DELETED, AT INDIAN REQUEST, TWO SIMILAR SENTENCES IN THE TEXT OF THE BROADCAST TO SOUTH KOREAN POWS.

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THERE WERE NO EXACTLY SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN THE TEXT OF THE BROADCAST TO THE LONE BRITISH POW AND THERE WAS NO REQUESTED DELETION IN THAT TEXT.

THE INDIAN COMMAND HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN TO BELIEVE THAT A SIMILAR SCREENING BY ITS OFFICERS AND MEN--PROBABLY MERELY GIVING THE POW A CHANCE TO INDIVIDUALLY EXPRESS THEIR CHOICE WITHOUT ANY OTHER POWS NEAR--WOULD AFFORD SUCH PRISONER A "HUMANITARIAN" OPPORTUNITY FOR DECISION.

INDIAN LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA RECENTLY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE HAD NO SUCH PLANS AT PRESENT FOR SUCH A SCREENING BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THE QUESTION OF SUCH SCREENING MIGHT BE CONSIDERED LATER.

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RED POWS SEPARATE (380)

BY FORREST EDWARDS.

PANMUNJOM, WEDNESDAY, DEC 23-(AP)-COMMUNIST "COME HOME" EXPLAINERS TODAY WON BACK ONLY 3 OUT OF 155 CHINESE PRISONERS INTERVIEWED BY NOON OF THIS FINAL DAY OF PERSUASION EFFORTS.

THAT WAS LESS THAN 2 PER CENT--A SHARP DROP FROM THE RELATIVELY HIGH SCORE THE REDS HAD ACHIEVED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. THE COMMUNISTS HAD BOOSTED THEIR PERCENTAGE TO MORE THAN 10 PER CENT IN THE RENEWED EXPLANATIONS, AGAINST THE USUAL 3 PER CENT AVERAGE.

RED EXPLAINERS ALSO TALKED TO A SMALL BAND OF NORTH KOREANS WHO SAY THEY WANT TO BE SENT TO NEUTRAL COUNTRIES.

ONE OF THE FIRST THREE KOREANS INTERVIEWED SAID HE WANTED TO LIVE IN INDIA. THE OTHER TWO MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC COUNTRY.

INDIAN GUARDS DRAGGED ONE YELLING PRISONER FROM THE EXPLANATION TENT. THE POW, AFTER 30 MINUTES, HAD COMPLAINED THE EXPLANATION WAS TOO LONG.

SOME CHINESE PRISONERS HARRASSED THE EXPLAINERS BY RESTING THEIR HEADS ON THE EXPLANATION TABLES AND FEIGNING SLEEP. SOME TALKED BACK TO THE RED INTERVIEWERS, JEERED AND KEPT JUMPING TO THEIR FEET. OTHERS JUST SEEMED BORED AND TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE COMMUNISTS.

INDIAN GUARDS ALSO REMOVED TWO CHINESE WHO THE REDS CLAIMED WERE "SPECIAL AGENTS." THE RED EXPLAINERS HAD INSISTED THAT THE TWO MEN BE SEGREGATED.

THE GUARDS, CARRYING LONG STICKS, FORCED THE TWO POWS INTO A TRUCK. THE CAPTIVES SCREAMED "LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA." AS THE TRUCKS MOVED AWAY, THE POWS YELLED "SAVE OUR LIVES."

IN ONE NORTH KOREAN INTERVIEW, THE EXPLAINERS INTRODUCED ONE OF THEIR GROUP AS "A FORMER PRISONER WHO WAS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADER." THE MAN WORE THE UNIFORM OF A NORTH KOREAN LIEUTENANT.

A PRISONER POINTED AT HIM AND YELLED: "YOU POOR COMMUNIST RUNNING DOG. YOU KILLED AND BEAT COMMUNIST PRISONERS OF WAR AND NOW YOU, YOURSELF, ARE GOING TO A COMMUNIST EXECUTION GROUND."

THE REDS, FOR THEIR LAST DAY, WERE TALKING TO 250 CHINESE PRISONERS FROM COMPOUND B4. THEY ALSO WERE SCHEDULED TO SEE 41 NORTH KOREANS WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE SENT TO NEUTRAL NATIONS.

SOME OF THE COMMUNIST EXPLAINERS TOLD THE PRISONERS THIS WAS ONLY THE 10TH DAY OF EXPLANATIONS, AND THEREFORE THERE WERE 80 MORE DAYS TO COME.

THIS IS THE 10TH DAY OF RED EXPLANATIONS. ARGUMENTS OVER RULES AND REFUSAL OF THE POWS TO LISTEN TO THE EXPLANATIONS HAVE PREVENTED INTERVIEWS ON THE OTHER DAYS.

BUT THE ALLIED COMMAND OPPOSES RED INSISTENCE THAT THE EXPLANATION PERIOD BE EXTENDED PAST MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, THE END OF THE 90-DAY PERSUASION PERIOD.

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PANMUNJOM, DEC. 22 (AP)-A SMILING CHINESE PRISONER STROLLED INTO AN EXPLANATION TENT TODAY, EYED THE COMMUNIST CHINESE EXPLAINERS AND BOWED POLITELY. HE TOOK HIS SEAT AND LISTENED QUIETLY.
COMMUNIST INTERVIEWERS TALKED ON FOR MORE THAN 20 MINUTES. THEN THE PRISONER BROKE IN.
"GENTLEMEN, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAID, BUT I CAN TELL YOU I HAVE ALREADY LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE RED REGIME," HE TOLD THEM. "I DON'T LIKE TO BLAME YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE EMPLOYES. I JUST WANT TO GO TO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)."
"YOU KNOW HOW LARGE TAIWAN IS?" A RED ASKED. "IT IS ONLY A TINY ISLAND."
"YES," THE PRISONER REPLIED. "I KNOW THAT. IT IS TINY. BUT HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE SUN? IT IS ALSO TINY AS WE LOOK AT IT FROM HERE, BUT THE SUN, ANYHOW, SHINES ALL AROUND THE WORLD AND THAT IS TAIWAN TODAY. IT SHINES ALSO ALL OVER THE MAINLAND--CHINA."
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TSUJI (400)
(EDITORS: VIC SUZUKI OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO BUREAU OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MASANOBU TSUJI, ONE OF JAPAN'S TOP MILITARY BRAINS AND AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN. TSUJI, WHO IS NOT CONSIDERED BASICALLY ANTI-AMERICAN, SPEAKS FOR THE NATIONALISTS. A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, HE HAS NO ORGANIZED FOLLOWING BUT IS A NATIONAL HERO.)
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BY VIC SUZUKI
TOKYO, DEC. 22 (AP)-MASANOBU TSUJI, ONE OF JAPAN'S MOST BRILLIANT MILITARY STRATEGISTS IN WORLD WAR II, TODAY WARNED THE UNITED STATES TO PULL ITS TROOPS OUT OF JAPAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR "THE DAY WILL COME WHEN SHE WILL REGRET IT."
HE ALSO WARNED "A STRONG ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING PREVAILS AND IS INCREASING IN THIS COUNTRY."
"THIS IS A PITY," HE SAID, "AND IT SHOULD BE CURTAILED."
TSUJI DEVISED THE STRATEGY BEHIND JAPAN'S LIGHTNING INVASION OF MALAYA AND THE CAPTURE OF SINGAPORE IN LATE 1941 AND 1942.
HE WAS LISTED AS A WAR CRIMINAL BY THE ALLIED COMMAND, BUT WAS NEVER CAPTURED. HE HAS BECOME A NATIONAL HERO AND A LIVING LEGEND SINCE THE END OF THE OCCUPATION.
TSUJI SPEAKS FOR THE NATIONALISTS AND HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED OCCUPATION POLICIES, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT CONSIDERED BASICALLY ANTI-AMERICAN.
AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF JAPAN'S LOWER HOUSE HE SAID TODAY HE HAS SENT A LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON WARNING AGAINST AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD JAPAN.
TSUJI SAID HE MADE FOUR POINTS:
1. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM JAPAN AND NOT COMPEL THIS COUNTRY TO REARM.
2. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ADMIT THE WAR CRIMES TRIALS WERE A MISTAKE.
3. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SAY WHAT IT EXPECTS TO GAIN BY MUTUAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AID TO JAPAN.
4. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD RECONSIDER AND REVISE ITS POLICY TOWARD ASIAN COUNTRIES.
"IF THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWS HER TROOPS FROM JAPAN THIS COUNTRY WILL AT ONCE BUCKLE DOWN TO PREPARE FOR ANY AGGRESSIVE ACTS BY THE COMMUNISTS," TSUJI SAID.
"THE KEEPING OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE COUNTRY IS, IN FACT, HINDERING THE REBUILDING OF OUR DEFENSE FORCES."
HE POINTED OUT THAT AMERICA WANTS A JAPANESE ARMY OF 325,000 MEN WHEREAS JAPAN HAD ONLY 230,000 MEN UNDER ARMS AT THE TIME OF THE MANCHURIAN INCIDENT IN 1932.

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"IF JAPAN COULD WAGE AN AGGRESSIVE WAR WITH 230,000 MEN, WHY DOES SHE NEED 325,000 MEN TO DEFEND THE ISLANDS," HE CONTINUED.
TSUJI WARNED NIXON AGAINST RISING ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN JAPAN.
HE TOLD THIS REPORTER NIXON WAS INCORRECT WHEN HE SAID HE COULD FIND NO ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IN JAPAN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.
"UNLESS WE WERE BARBARIANS," TSUJI SAID, "WE WOULD NOT GIVE A STATE VISITOR THE IMPRESSION WE DISLIKED HIS COUNTRY."
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(290) NIGHT LEAD ISUJI
BY VIC SUZUKI
TOKYO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-AN ARDENT JAPANESE NATIONALIST AND WORLD WAR II MILITARY STRATEGIST SAYS HE ADVOCATED IN A LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON THAT THE UNITED STATES LET JAPAN WEAN CHINA AWAY FROM RUSSIA BY PERMITTING FREER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
MASANOBU ISUJI, A MEMBER OF THE DIET'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND FREQUENTLY AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF U. S. POLICY IN JAPAN, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IS INCREASING.
HE ADVISED THE UNITED STATES TO PULL ITS TROOPS OUT OF JAPAN QUICKLY OR "THE DAY WILL COME WHEN SHE WILL REGRET IT."
ISUJI WHO HAS BECOME A BEST-SELLING AUTHOR WITH A LARGE FOLLOWING IN JAPAN, SAID THE FOUR POINTS HE HAD BROUGHT UP IN A LETTER TO NIXON WERE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD:
1. ADMIT THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAAR EAST WAS A MISTAKE.
2. WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM JAPAN AND NOT COMPEL THE COUNTRY TO REARM.
3. REVEAL WHAT SHE EXPECTS TO GAIN BY MUTUAL SECURITYADMINISTRATION AID TO JAPAN AND BY FORCING THIS COUNTRY TO REBUILD AN ARMY.
4. RECONSIDER AND REVISE HER POLICY TOWARD ASIAN COUNTRIES.
"ALTHOUGH IT MAYSOUND FANTASTIC," HE SAID, "IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD POUR SOME OF HER DOLLARS INTO (RED) CHINA THROUGH JAPAN, THE PRACTICAL MINDED CHINESE WOULD LOOSEN THEIR BONDS WITH RUSSIA AND AT LEAST BE INDEPENDENT FROM AMY ORDERS OR ADVICE FROM THE KREMLIN. THIS IS BEING PRACTICAL."
ISUJI ALSO PREDICTED THAT JAPAN WOULD QUICKLY REBUILD ITS DEFENSE FORCES IF U. S. SECURITY FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN. HE CONTENDED THAT THE UNITED STATES, BY PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON JAPAN'S GROUND FORCES AND ALMOST IGNORING SEA AND AIR POWER, CREATED THE IMPRESSION THE JAPANESE FORCES ARE TO BE USED BY AMERICA.
"THE UNITED STATES STRIPPED JAPAN OF HER ARMY, SO IT IS HER DUTY TO SUPPLY JAPAN WITH MSA AID WITHOUT ANY STRINGS ATTACHED," ISUJI SAID.
HE DECLARED THE AMOUNT OF AID NEED NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE EXPENDITURES IN THE KOREAN WAR, NOR EXCEED THE EXPENSES OF MAINTAINING U. S. SECURITY FORCES IN JAPAN.
(AIDES TO NIXON IN WASHINGTON SAID SO FAR AS THEY KNEW ISUJI'S LETTER HAD NOT ARRIVED AND THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD NOT GONE THROUGH HIS MAIL SINCE RETURNING FROM THE FAR EAST.
(THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON ISUJI'S STATEMENT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.)
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GI PRAYER (160)
SEOUL, DEC. 22 (AP)-"MOST ESPECIALLY DO WE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES IN KOREA AND ALL WHO SERVE WITH THEM. . .."
THAT, TO TROOPS IN KOREA, WAS THE FOCAL POINT OF A CHRISTMAS PRAYER ADOPTED RECENTLY BY 250 AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND BROUGHT TO SEOUL

BY METHODIST BISHOP WILLIAM G. MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES.

BISHOP MARTIN PRESENTED THE PAYER TO GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, U.S. 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, TODAY. HE TOLD TAYLOR:

"THERE ARE MANY DIVERSE OPINIONS IN AMERICA, BUT THERE IS COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS NOT A STRUGGLE FOR CONQUEST OR NATIONAL AGGRANDIZEMENT, FOR YOU ARE HERE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES."

BISHOP MARTIN SAID THE PRAYER WAS ADOPTED AT A BREAKFAST IN LOS ANGELES BY OFFICIALS OF THE CATHOLIC, JEWISH, GREEK ORTHODOX AND PROTESTANT FAITHS SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

THE BISHOP SAID HE WOULD SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE FRONT.

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SEOUL, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE DEFENSE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT GOVERNMENT FORCES CLEANING UP COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH KOREA HAVE KILLED 50 AND CAPTURED 29 ARMED REDS SINCE DEC. 11.

AT LEAST 10,000 NATIONAL POLICE WERE SCOURING THE CHIRI MOUNTAIN AREA IN THE SOUTHWEST FOR THE GUERRILLAS NOW ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 800 STRONG.

AMONG RIFLES AND AMMUNITION SEIZED WERE 28 RUSSIAN GUNS, THE MINISTRY SAID.

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TOKYO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-PEIPING RADIO CLAIMED TODAY IN A 9 PAGE "ATROCITY REPORT" PREPARED IN NORTH KOREA THAT 33,637 PRISONER WERE KILLED IN SOUTH KOREAN PRISON CAMPS.

THE RED BROADCAST, HEARD IN TOKYO, SAID THE REPORT WAS "A CAREFUL RECORD OF THE MALTREATMENT AND SLAUGHTER OF KOREAN PRISONERS OF WAR BY THE AMERICAN AGGRESSORS."

IT APPEARS TO BE PART OF A COMMUNIST EFFORT TO COUNTER ALLIED ATROCITY CHARGES NOW BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. THE REPORT WAS MADE BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FATHERLAND FRONT (KOREA, PEIPING SAID.

IN ONE CHAPTER, THE NINE-PART REPORT CHARGED THE "AMERICAN AGGRESSORS SHIPPED OFF 1,500 PRISONERS OF WAR FROM KOJE FOR ATOMIC TESTS."

FROM TIME TO TIME THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE RAISED THE ATOMIC ATROC CHARGE. THE ALLIED COMMAND USUALLY DOES NOT REPLY TO PROPAGANDA BARBS.

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SEOUL, WEDNESDAY, DEC 23-(AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, ARCH-BISHOP OF NEW YORK AND VICAR OF ALL CATHOLICS IN THE ARMED FORCES, ARRIVED HERE BY PLANE TODAY FOR HIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VISIT WITH ALLI TROOPS IN KOREA.

THE BIG 4-ENGINED CONSTELLATION BRINGING SPELLMAN FROM JAPAN LANDED AT SEOUL CITY AIRPORT AT 12:45 P.M.

THE ARCHBISHOP WAS MET THERE BY 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, GEN. MAXWELL TAYLOR AND MAJ. GEN. THOMAS F. HICKEY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. 9TH CORPS WHERE SPELLMAN WILL CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS.

"THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT," THE CARDINAL SAID WHEN HE WALKED DOWN THE RAMP FROM THE PLANE. THIS IS HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE CHRISTM VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS TROOPS IN KOREA.

AFTER A VISIT WITH TAYLOR AND AN HONOR GUARD CEREMONY AT 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, SPELLMAN PLANNED TO VISIT THE 121ST ARMY EVACUATION HOS PITAL AND THE 48TH MOBILE ARMY SURGICAL HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON.

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HE WAS TO DINE WITH TAYLOR THIS EVENING.

AMONG THE MANY MASSES HE WILL SAY FOR TROOPS THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT ARE CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT THE 3RD AND 2ND DIVISIONS AND THE 10TH CORPS CHAPEL.

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NIGHT LEAD ATOMIC REACTION

LONDON, DEC. 22 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PRESTIGE SOARED IN WESTERN EUROPE TODAY IN THE WAKE OF RUSSIA'S AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS HIS PLAN FOR A PEACEFUL ATOMIC POOL AS A WAY OF BREAKING THE EAST-WEST NUCLEAR DEADLOCK.

MOST OFFICIALS AND NEWSPAPERS WERE WARY OF SOVIET INTENTIONS, BUT THEY GAVE THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CREDIT FOR HAVING FOUND THE FIRST ATOMIC CONTROL PLAN IN SEVEN YEARS WHICH THE RUSSIANS WERE EVEN WILLING TO TALK OVER.

"IT IS EARLY, VERY EARLY, TO START COUNTING CHICKENS,Z SAID THE LIBERAL LONDON NEWS CHRONICLE, "BUT MR. EISENHOWER IS ENTITLED TO A RESPECTFUL SALUTE."

AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH QUARTERS SAID MOSCOW'S NOTE TO THE UNITED STATES SEEMED ACTUALLY TO EXPRESS UNUSUAL DEFERENCE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. THEY NOTED THAT IT WAS DEVOID OF THE USUAL COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST WESTERN POLICIES.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN TOLD HIS DAILY NEWS CONFERENCE:

"THE SOVIET NOTE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSISTS OF A RESTATEMENT OF THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS ATOMIC MATTERS, COUPLED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE EISENHOWER PROPOSAL.

"THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE PART IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS IS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT."

EISENHOWER SUGGESTED THAT THE ATOMIC POWERS TAKE UP, AT PRIVATE MEETINGS WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ALREADY VOTED TO SPONSOR, A PLAN TO DEVOTE A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF THEIR ATOMIC RESOURCES AND KNOW-HOW TO A PEACEFUL POOL. THE SOVIET UNION AGREED YESTERDAY TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS, BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMITMENTS.

THE GREATEST SCEPTICISM CONCERNING RUSSIA'S INTENTIONS WAS EX-PRESSED IN WEST GERMANY.

THE BONN GOVERNMENT SAID IT HOPES THE SOVIET NOTE SHOWS MOSCOW IS READY TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSALS.

BUT ONE GERMAN OFFICIAL, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED, SAID "I HAVE THE FEELING THIS IS JUST ANOTHER TACTICAL MOVE BY RUSSIA IN THE COLD WAR TO UNDERMINE WESTERN DEFENSES."

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AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH INFORMANTS CAUTIONED THAT ANY ATOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE WILL NECESSARILY BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND DELICATE.

ON THE PRESS SIDE, BRITISH NEWSPAPERS GAVE THE SOVIET NOTE A BIG SPLASH AND MOST EDITORIAL COMMENTS WERE OPTIMISTIC.

"MOSCOW, OF ALL PLACES, GIVES THE WORLD ITS BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR MANY YEARS," SAID THE CONSERVATIVE LONDON DAILY MAIL. "THE RUSSIANS ARE SHOWING A BETTER SPIRIT THAN THEY HAVE DONE ON ANY BIG ISSUE SINCE 1945."

THE INDEPENDENT, INFLUENTIAL LONDON TIMES EXPRESSED THE CAUTIOUS OPINION THAT THE RUSSIAN REPLY "IS, BY RUSSIAN STANDARDS, FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO OFFER SOME HOPE THAT A PRIVATE CONFERENCE MIGHT YIELD RESULTS."

THE INDEPENDENT LONDON DAILY EXPRESS CALLED IT "A MESSAGE OF HOPE FLASHED ACROSS THE EARTH ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS WEEK." THE LIBERAL MANCHESTER GUARDIAN SAID THE STATEMENT "IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT

DIRECTION" AND ADDED "THERE IS A FAINT CHANCE THAT SOMETHING FRUITFUL WILL COME OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS."

THE WEST BERLIN PRESS REACTED PARTLY WITH CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AND PARTLY WITH CRITICISM.

THE INDEPENDENT KURIER CALLED THE SOVIET STATEMENT "A CANDLE ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE," WHILE THE INDEPENDENT TAGESSPIEGEL SAID IT LOOKS LIKE EISENHOWER'S URGENT APPEAL HAS BEEN ENTIRELY IN VAIN.

DENMARK'S CONSERVATIVE NATIONALTIDENDE WARNED EDITORIALLY AGAINST ANY HIGH EXPECTATIONS, BUT ADDED "IT WOULD BE EQUALLY WRONG TO REJECT THE POSSIBILITY THE WORLD MAY BE AT A TURNING POINT."

THE FIRST TWO SWISS PAPERS TO COMMENT EXPRESSED FRANK DOUBTS ABOUT RUSSIA'S SINCERITY IN OFFERING TO NEGOTIATE.

THE TRIBUNE DE GENEVE SUMMED UP THE SOVIET NOTE IN THESE WORDS: "WE (THE SOVIET UNION) ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE, BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO CHANGE OUR POSITION." THE NATIONAL ZEITUNG OF BASEL SAID THE SOVIET NOTE IS INTENDED "AS PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR THE ALLEGED SOVIET DESIRE TO ACHIEVE IINTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING."

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LONDON, DEC 22 (AP)-THE CHURCHILL GOVERNMENT TONIGHT APPOINTED LT. GEN. SIR FREDERICK MORGAN TO BE CONTROLLER OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN BRITAIN'S NEW ATOM ADMINISTRATION STARTING JAN. 1.

MORGAN, 59, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING THE THREE SERVICES WITH ATOMIC WEAPONS AFTER GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECTS IS TRANSFERRED TO A GOVERNMENT CORPORATION IN THE NEW YEAR.

MORGAN HAS BEEN CONTROLLER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AT THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY SINCE 1951.

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1953

A157

(120)

LONDON, DEC. 22 (AP)-BRITAIN'S DEFENSES AGAINST ATOMIC BOMB AND OTHER ATTACKS ARE WOEFULLY WEAK, A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTED TODAY.

THE REPORT WAS ISSUED BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "WATCH DOG COMMITTEE." IT SAID THERE HAVE BEEN ALARMING DELAYS IN PUTTING INTO EFFECT A LARGE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SHELTER THE POPULATION, PROTECT RAILWAY STATIONS, TRAIN VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT FIRES AND SET UP COMPETENT FORCES TO CARE FOR VAST NUMBERS OF CASUALTIES.

IT SAID THERE WAS SERIOUS DELAY IN ACQUIRING DEVICES FOR MEASURING RADIO-ACTIVITY.

THE COMMITTEE REPORTED IT WAS "SHOCKED" TO DISCOVER THAT CIVIL DEFENSE LEADERS HAD USED ONLY A FRACTION OF THE 73 MILLION POUNDS ($204,400,000) WHICH PARLIAMENT HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE PROJECTS.

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1953

A78

BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 22 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF 51 GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS. THE U.S. RELEASED 33 ON PAROLE FROM THE AMERICAN PRISON AT LANDSBERG ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT GERMAN-AMERICAN BOARD SET UP TO REVIEW WAR CRIMES SENTENCES. TWO OTHERS WERE RELEASED ON MEDICAL PAROLE.

THE FRENCH FREED 16 WAR CRIMINALS FROM WITTLICH PRISON.

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1953

B43 (Q)

(180)

BERLIN, DEC.22 (AP)-TWO EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOUR OTHER DEFENDANTS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE FOR WEST GERMANY. THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ADN REPORTED TODAY. THEY WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM 9 TO 15 YEARS.

DR.WALTER EINSPORN, FORMER ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT CHIEF IN THE EAST ZONE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR COAL, WAS SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS. PAUL HAUK, WHO HELD AN IDENTICAL POST IN THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, GOT 10 YEARS.

ADN SAID BOTH OFFICIALS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING "ECONOMIC STATE SECRETS" TO WHAT IT CALLED A WEST BERLIN ESPIONAGE AGENCY WORKING FOR THE BONN GOVERNMENT. A FORMER EMPLOYE OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, MARGARETE DUNKEL, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH STEALING SECRET FILES AND SELLING THEM IN WEST BERLIN, WAS SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS.

THREE OTHER DEFENDANTS WHOSE NAMES AND JOBS WERE NOT GIVEN IN THE ADN REPORT, RECEIVED 15, 14 AND 12 YEAR SENTENCES.

THE VERDICT WAS THE SECOND AGAINST ALLEGED WESTERN SPIES THIS WEEK. YESTERDAY, THE EAST GERMAN SUPREME COURT DEALT OUT SENTENCES RANGING FROM 12 YEARS TO LIFE AGAINST SEVEN MEN DESCRIBED AS AGENTS OF AN AMERICAN-SPONSORED WEST GERMAN ESPIONAGE RING.

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1953

B83 (Q)

(210)

KARLSRUHE, GERMANY, DEC. 22 (AP)-FOUR WEST GERMANS WERE SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 11 YEARS IN PRISON TODAY BY THE EDERAL SUPREME COURT FOLLOWING THEIR CONVICTION ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED ESPIONAGE FOR COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

AUGUST MORITZ, 40, AN ART PROFESSOR, WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS AND FINED 10,000 MARKS ($2,380).

EVIDENCE AT THE TRIAL WAS THAT MORTIZ HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A SOVIET ZONE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AND HAD SUPPLIED THE EAST GERMAN REGIME WITH A FORGED DRAFT OF A WEST GERMAN-ALLIED PEACE CONTRACT WHICH WAS STILL SECRET AT THE TIME.

THE COURT SAID THE DRAFT WAS PRESENTED BY THE EAST GERMANS AS GENUINE AND USED AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST WEST GERMAN REARMAMENT.

THE DRAFT WAS PREPARED BY ARNOLD DE LANNOY (SMALL D CAP L), 41, A BELGIAN-BORN EXPORTER, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS AND FINED 3,000 MARKS ($714). HE WAS ORDERED RELEASED SINCE HIS TIME IN PRE-TRIAL CUSTODY EXCEEDED HIS SENTENCE. THE COURT SAID THAT DE LANNOY ACTUALLY PREPARED THE DRAFT TO MISLEAD THE COMMUNISTS AFTER HE LEARNED OF MORITZ' AFFILIATION AND WAS ENTITLED TO A "CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY."

UWE WEHLEN, 35, WAS SENTENCED TO 3 1/2 YEARS AND GUSTAV HANELT, 39, TO ONE YEAR. THE COURT SAID WEHLEN WORKED FOR BRITISH, WEST GERMAN AND SOVIET ZONE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE SAME TIME. HANELT A FORMER MINOR STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, WAS CONVICTED OF A CCEPTING BRIBLES FROM MORITZ AND WEHLEN IN EXCHANGE FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

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(240)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 22 (AP)-REPORTS REACHING VIENNA TONIGHT TOLD OF A NEW SERIES OF TRIALS OF JEWISH LEADERS IN RED-RULED HUNGARY.

THE UNION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRIA PROTESTED AGAINST PERSECUTION OF JEWISH LEADERS IN A COMMUNICATION IT SENT LENARD SZERI, HUNGARIAN MINISTER IN VIENNA.

THE COMMUNICATION SAID THREE LEADING JEWISH FIGURES NOW ARE BEING TRIED SECRETLY IN BUDAPEST. THE REPORT FOLLOWED BY A WEEK DISCLOSURE THAT THREE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS HAVE BEEN SECRETLY TRIED AND SENTENCED IN HUNGARY.

IN ROMANIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO, JEWISH FIGURES HAVE BEEN REPORTED EITHER BEING TRIED OR JAILED AND OR WAITING TRIALS.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN VIENNA SAID A NEW WAVE OF PERSECUTION--SIMILAR

TO THAT WHICH PRECEDED SOVIET PREMIER STALIN'S DEATH--APPEARS TO BE A SECRET ATTEMPT TO CRUSH ALL ANTI-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE.

THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNITY'S PROTEST DEMANDED THAT THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST COURTS FREE THE MEN ON TRIAL WHO WERE DESCRIBED AS: DR. BELA DENES, A FORMER HEAD OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN HUNGRY; KHENRIK GALOS, FORMER SECRETARY--GENERAL OF THE HUNGARIAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN BUDAPEST; AND ABRAHAM KORNITZER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF ORTHODOX JEWS IN HUNGARY.

ALL WERE REPORTED CHARGED WITH COMMITTING "CRIMES OF ZIONIST ACTIVITY AND HAVING CONTACTS WITH ZIONISTS ABROAD."

THE PROTEST SAID: "THEIR ACTIVITY, IN THE INTERESTS OF JEWS, NOW CONSIDERED A CRIME BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, WAS ABSOLUTELY LEGAL" AT THE TIME THEY WERE ARRESTED.

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A118

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC. 22 (AP)-GEN. IVAN GOSNJAK, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, PREDICTED TODAY THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT INCREASE MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN THE COMING YEAR. YUGOSLAVIA SPENT 180 BILLION DINARS (ABOUT 60 MILLION DOLLARS) IN 1953 OR ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF HER TOTAL BUDGET.

GOSNJAK EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS IN A YUGOSLAV ARMY DAY STATEMENT TO OFFICIAL RADIO BELGRADE.

HE SPOKE AS THE NEW PARLIAMENT PREPARED TO OPEN THURSDAY ITS FIRST SESSION SINCE THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE BUDGET AND MILITARY EXPENDITURES ARE MAJOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

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A113

MOSCOW, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE DAY SOVIET NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS TODAY OF MASS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE NATION DEMANDING DEATH FOR LAVRENTY P. BERIA, DEPOSED POLICE BOSS, AND SIX ASSOCIATES ACCUSED OF TREASON.

BERIA, FORMER NO.2 MAN IN THE SOVIET HIERARCHY AND THE DEFENDANTS HAVE "CONFESSED" TO MAJOR CRIMES, THE STATE PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

THE NEWSPAPERS SAID INDIGNATION MEETINGS INCLUDED SESSIONS IN THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN MOSCOW AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS.

UK1026PES

A25

MOSCOW, DEC. 22 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAS AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. THIS PUTS INTO EFFECT A THREE-YEAR-OLD DECISION TO SET UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS SAID DR. SUNARJO, FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDONESIA, HAD PROPOSED THE MOVE IN A LETTER TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER V. M. MOLOTOV, WHO REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY.

K608PES

JERUSALEM, DEC. 22 (AP)-ISRAEL CHARGED TODAY THAT AN EGYPTIAN WARSHIP FIRED ON AN ISRAELI ARMY PLANE OFF GAZA.

THE PLANE WAS NOT HIT AND DID NOT RETURN THE FIRE, AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID.

ISRAEL LODGED AN IMMEDIATE COMPLAINT WITH THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION. GAZA IS IN EGYPTIAN-HELD TERRITORY ON PALESTINES SOUTHERN COAST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FURTHER NORTH--IN THE SO-CALLED TRIANGLE AREA ADJACENT TO THE ISRAELI-JORDAN ARMISTICE BORDER--ARMED BANDS TRIED TO PENETRATE THE JEWISH SETTLEMENT OF SIMCHAH BUT WERE DRIVEN

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BACK BY GUARDS.

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A112

PRECEDE AMMAN DAY (A129)

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, DEC. 22 (AP)-AN ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESMAN DENIED TODAY THAT ISRAELI FORCES ATTACKED THREE VILLAGES INSIDE JORDAN TERRITORY IN THE HEBRON DISTRICT LAST NIGHT.

A JORDAN OFFICIAL IN AMMAN CHARGED THAT ISRAELIS RAIDED THE VILLAGES, KILLING THREE ARABS, WOUNDING TWO OTHERS AND DESTROYING THREE ARAB HOMES.

THE ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID: "NO ISRAEL MILITARY FORCES WERE ENGAGED IN AN ATTACK IN THE HEBRON AREA."

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A129

AMMAN, JORDAN, DEC. 22 (AP)-AN OFFICIAL JORDAN SPOKESMAN SAID ISRAELIS ATTACKED THREE VILLAGES INSIDE JORDAN TERRITORY IN THE HEBRON DISTRICT LAST NIGHT, KILLING THREE ARABS AND WOUNDING TWO OTHERS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THREE ARAB HOMES WERE DEMOLISHED.

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A114

TEHRAN, IRAN, DEC. 22 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION AND IRAN TODAY RESUMED TALKS ON SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTES AND FINANCIAL MATTERS THAT WERE BROKEN OFF ON THE OVERTHROW OF THE MOSSADEGH REGIME LAST AUGUST.

AMBASSADOR ANATOLY LAVRENTIEV HEADING THE SOVIET DELEGATION, AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDOLLAH ENTEZAM OF IRAN MET FOR TWO HOURS AND AGREED ON AN AGENDA.

THEY ARE TRYING TO IRON OUT 19 FRONTIER DISPUTES ALONG THE 750-MILE RUSSIAN-IRANIAN BORDER, SOME OF THEM INVOLVING ONLY A FEW FEET OF BARREN LAND, THAT DATE BACK TO CZARIST DAYS. IRANIANS ALSO CLAIM THE SOVIET UNION OWES 11 TONS OF GOLD IN REPAYMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED SOVIET TROOPS IN WORLD WAR II.

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TEHRAN, IRAN, DEC. 22 (AP)-THIRTEEN STUDENTS WERE JAILED TODAY FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-BRITISH HANDBILLS AND YELLING "CHARGE D'AFFAIRES GO HOME" IN TEHRAN STREETS.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE SET OFF BY THE ARRIVAL YESTERDAY OF BRITISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DENNIS WRIGHT TO RESUME NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CUT OFF MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THE BRITISH-IRANIAN OIL DISPUTE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT.

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NIGHT LEAD ATOMIC

BY ROGER D.GREENE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TODAY BROADLY INDICATED THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO DISCUSS ATOMIC WEAPONS WITH RUSSIA IN THE PROPOSED EAST-WEST TALKS STEMMING FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC POOL FOR PEACE.

DULLES THUS QUICKLY TOOK UP MOSCOW'S CHALLENGE AS SET FORTH YESTERDAY IN A 3,000-WORD NOTE CONDITIONALLY AGREEING TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL.

THE SOVIET NOTE HAD CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN ON THE GROUND THAT IT WOULD NOT REMOVE THE THREAT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AND SAID RUSSIA WOULD INSIST ON AN IMMEDIATE BAN AGAINST SUCH WEAPONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTENDED THAT A WEAPONS BAN SHOULD FOLLOW THE CREATION OF ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST VIOLATION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

DULLES MADE HIS STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF WEAPONS IN ANSWERING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS AFTER ADDRESSING A NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON.

THE SECRETARY SAID EISENHOWER TOLD THE UNITED NATIONS ON DEC. 8 THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO ENTER SECRET TALKS ON ATOMIC ISSUES WITH THE AIM OF TRYING TO WIPE OUT THE DANGER OF ATOMIC WARFARE.

THE PRESIDENT, HE SAID, DID NOT LIMIT THE TALKS TO HIS OWN ATOMIC-POOL-FOR-PEACE PROPOSAL, AND DULLES SAID HE THOUGHT THAT FULLY ANSWERED THE QUESTION ABOUT DISCUSSING WEAPONS WITH THE SOVIETS.

ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE RUSSIAN NOTE CONTAINED ANY KIND OF A BOOBY-TRAP, DULLES SAID THE SOVIETS WERE ALWAYS TRYING TO SET UP PRE-CONDITIONS HOPING TO WRING SOME CONCESSION FROM THE UNITED STATES AS THE PRICE FOR EVEN JOINING A CONFERENCE.

"LET ME SAY, WE'RE ON TO THAT GAME," HE SAID.

DULLES SAID, HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY CATCH IN THE SOVIET NOTE THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL, AND WITH SOME EMPHASIS HE DECLARED "WE SHALL NOT GO INTO A CONFERENCE ON ATOMIC ENERGY" THAT WOULD THREATEN U.S.PRINCIPLES IN ADVANCE.

THE CLEAR IMPLICATION OF DULLES' REMARKS WAS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS WARILY OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME CONCRETE RESULTS MAY BE ACHIEVED IF THE RUSSIANS ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OUTLAWING ATOMIC WARFARE.

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DULLES SAID IN HIS PREPARED SPEECH HE HOPES THE RUSSIANS, AFTER YEARS OF "FUTILE AND EVASIVE" DEBATE, ARE NOW READY TO TALK SERIOUSLY IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A FORMULA FOR ATOMIC PEACE.

IN THAT EVENT, HE SAID, THE NEW YEAR MAY SEE "A RECESSION OF THE HORROR OF ATOMIC WARFARE."

THE U.S.S.R. "HAS AT LEAST INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO TALK CONFIDENTIALLY, AND WE HOPE SERIOUSLY, ABOUT THIS PROBLEM," DULLES SAID.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C.HAGERTY SAID EISENHOWER HAD APPROVED DULLES' EARLIER COMMENT THAT THE SOVIET NOTE APPEARED TO BE A "HOPEFUL" SIGN.

THE PRESIDENT CONFERRED FOR 90 MINUTES WITH KEY PENTAGON, ATOMIC AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT THE SESSION WAS CONCERNED WITH DEFENSE MATTER.

IN HIS U.N.SPEECH TWO WEEKS AGO EISENHOWER SUGGESTED IN EFFECT THAT IF THE EAST AND WEST COULD GET TOGETHER ON USING ATOMIC ENERGY FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE ULTIMATELY ON STEPS TO BAN ATOMIC WARFARE.

HE SAID HIS PLAN FOR A WORLD POOL OF ATOMIC MATERIALS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WOULD "OPEN UP A NEW CHANNEL FOR PEACEFUL DISCUSSION AND INITIATE AT LEAST A NEW APPROACH TO THE MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE SOLVED...IF THE WORLD IS TO SHAKE OFF THE INERTIA IMPOSED BY FEAR AND MAKE POSITIVE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE."

IN LONDON, THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY CALLED THE SOVIET NOTE "A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT," AND THERE WAS GUARDED OPTIMISM IN OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS.

DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS HERE NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA HAVE BEEN AT ODDS FOR YEARS ON THE MECHANICS OF BANNING ATOMIC WEAPONS. THE AMERICAN POSITION HAS BEEN THAT ANY BAN MUST BE PRECEDED BY AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION SYSTEM TO GUARD AGAINST ANY SECRET PRODUCTION OF A-WEAPONS.

THE SOVIETS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE INSISTED ON AN OUTRIGHT PROHIBITION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AT THE OUTSET OF ANY AGREEMENT.

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NIGHT LEAD DULLES-FOREIGN

BY JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES PRODDED FRANCE SHARPLY TODAY TO APPROVE THE STALLED EUROPEAN ARMY PLAN AND HINTED AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ADVANCE POSITIONS IN GERMANY UNLESS THE FRENCH ACT.

"THE DAY OF DECISION CANNOT BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED," HE SAID. "WE ARE CLOSE TO A DATE WHEN NON-ACTION IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ADVERSE ACTION."

THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY TREATY CALLS FOR A SINGLE-UNIFORM ARMY INCLUDING SOLDIERS OF FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND FOUR OTHER NATIONS. THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT HAS DELAYED A DECISION ON RATIFICATION OF THE EDC PACT. FEAR OF A REARMED GERMANY IS A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK.

DULLES SPOKE BEFORE SOME 500 LUNCHEON GUESTS WHO CROWDED INTO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AUDITORIUM TO HEAR HIS REVIEW OF CRITICAL WORLD PROBLEMS.

REPORTING ON THE OUTLOOK FOR GLOBAL PEACE, HE SAID THE DANGER OF WAR HAS LESSENED IN THE PAST YEAR OR TWO BUT THAT THE THREAT OF RUSSIAN ATTACK NEVERTHELESS REMAINS "IMMENSE AND PERSISTENT."

HIS BLUNTLY-WORDED APPEAL TO THE FRENCH BACKED UP A WARNING HE VOICED PERSONALLY LAST WEEK IN PARIS WHEN HE SAID CONTINUED FRENCH INDECISION WOULD CAUSE AN "AGONIZING REAPPRAISAL" OF AMERICAN POLICY IN EUROPE.

PULLING NO PUNCHES, DULLES NOT ONLY REITERATED THIS TODAY BUT HINTED AMERICAN TROOPS NOW STATIONED IN GERMANY MIGHT BE PULLED OUT UNLESS FRANCE QUICKLY JOINS THE PROPOSED SIX-NATION EUROPEAN ARMY.

FRANCE'S FAILURE TO ACT, HE SAID, HAS PLACED THE ENTIRE 14-NATION ATLANTIC PACT DEFENSE PLAN "UPON A FOUNDATION WHICH IS PRECARIOUS."

HE SAID MOST OF AMERICA'S SIX DIVISIONS IN EUROPE WERE PLACED IN "ADVANCED POSITIONS IN WEST GERMANY" WITH THE BELIEF GERMAN TROOPS COULD BE MOBILIZED TOO TO HELP DEFEND WESTERN EUROPE ONCE THE EDC PACT WAS RATIFIED.

"IT IS UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE," DULLES STRESSED, "IN THE ROLE OF BEING A PRINCIPAL DEFENDER OF GERMANY, WHILE THE GERMANS THEMSELVES LOOK ON AS MERE OBSERVERS."

IF THE PROSPECT OF APPROVING EDC VANISHES, DULLES SAID, "THEN THE BASIC STRATEGY OF NATO WILL HAVE TO BE REEXAMINED."

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DULLES MIXED HIS CRITICISM OF FRENCH HESITATION WITH WORDS OF PRAISE FOR FRENCH INDIVIDUALISM AND CREATIVE THINKING WHICH, HE SAID, THE WEST URGENTLY NEEDS TO SURVIVE. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE EUROPEAN ARMY TREATY IS "LESS THAN PERFECT." BUT, HE ADDED:

"IT HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL OF EUROPE'S WILL TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A UNITY WHICH WILL DEPENDABLY SAFEGUARD OUR WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND ALLL THAT IT MEANS IN TERMS OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN WELFARE."

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, DULLES PICTURED THE YEAR 1954 AS A TIME FOR "GREAT DECISION." HE NOTED THAT RUSSIA "AFTER MONTHS OF ATTEMPTED EVASION" HAS INDICATED IT WILL MEET THE BIG THREE WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO TALK ABOUT GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

THE SECRETARY ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT EVENTUALLY THE FRENCH WOULD RATIFY MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN ARMY PROJECT. BUT, HE SAID FLATLY, IF THIS IS NOT DONE THE UNITED STATES "SHALL DO SOMETHING" TO ARM GERMAN TROOPS EVEN THOUGH ALTERNATIVES ARE "FEEBLE."

TURNING TO OTHER FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, DULLES DECLARED:

1. HE FULLY EXPECTS ALL 22,000 NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS WHO REFUSED TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM WILL BE GIVEN THEIR FREEDOM AFTER JAN. 22, THUS ALLOWING THEM TO STAY IN SOUTH KOREA OR JOIN CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES ON FORMOSA.

2. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE LONG-RANGE DEFENSE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN NATIONS, AT AMERICAN SUGGESTION, "LARGELY REDUCES THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUING UNITED STATES ECONOMIC AID" TO WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. RUSSIA IS PLAYING A "DANGEROUS GAME" OF EXPLOITING FRENCH AND GERMAN FEARS OF EACH OTHER. THE GERMANS ESPECIALLY ARE BECOMING IMPATIENT AT NINE YEARS OF CONTINUED OCCUPATION, AS EVIDENCED BY CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER'S COUNSEL TO THEM LAST WEEK TO BE PATIENT.

4. THE "VAST UNDERLYING DISCONTENT" OF WORKERS IN COMMUNIST SATELLITE AREAS MAKES IT UNLIKELY RUSSIA'S RULERS WOULD BE "RECKLESS" ENOUGH TO START A GENERAL WAR. THE SMOLDERING DISSATISFACTION BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, MAKES IT CLEAR TO RUSSIA, THAT SOVIET "LINES OF COMMUNICATION MIGHT NOT BE ALTOGETHER SECURE."

5. THE TWENTY-TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN KOREA WHO THUS FAR HAVE SPURNED COME-HOME APPEALS HAVE UNDERGONE A COMMUNIST "TYPE OF BRAIN-WASHING WHICH HAS SWAYED THEIR JUDGMENT."

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HOSTAGES

1953

BY WARREN ROGERS JR.

WASHINGTON,DEC.22 (AP)-IRON BARS AND THE CLICK OF COMMUNIST RIFLE BOLTS ARE TAKING THE PLACE OF HOLLY WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR SOME AMERICANS ABROAD THIS CHRISTMAS.

THEY ARE THE SCORES--EXACT FIGURES ARE HARD TO COME BY--OF AMERICANS WHO ARE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN AND CAN'T GET OUT.

REPATRIATED AUSTRIAN PRISONERS OF WAR REPORTED THIS FALL SEEING MANY AMERICANS IN PRISON CAMPS NEAR MOSCOW. THEY GAVE TWO NAMES: LELAND TOWERS OF SAN FRANCISCO AND HOMER H. COX OF OKLAHOMA CITY.

IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OFFICIALS WHO HANDLE SUCH MATTERS SAID TODAY ABOUT 100 AMERICANS ARE IN COMMUNIST CHINA. PRECISE NUMBERS ARE ELUSIVE.

IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OFFICIALS WHO HANDLE SUCH MATTERS SAID TODAY ABOUT 100 AMERICANS ARE IN COMMUNIST CHINA. PRECISE NUMBERS ARE ELUSIVE. FOR ONE REASON, OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT SOME WHO CLAIM TO BE AMERICANS ACTUALLY ARE NOT.

OF THE 100 OR SO, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT 31 ARE IMPRISONED AND ONE IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST. THE OTHERS ARE FREE TO PURSUE THEIR LIVES BUT NOT TO LEAVE RED CHINA.

MOST OF THOSE IN RED CHINA PRISONS ARE REPORTED TO BE MISSIONARIES. A FEW ARE BUSINESSMEN WHO DID NOT LEAVE CHINA BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER AND CAN'T GAIN THE NECESSARY CLEARANCE TO LEAVE NOW.

LAST MARCH 21 THREE AMERICANS WERE SEIZED BY RED CHINESE WHILE SAILING ABOARD THE YACHT "KERT" OFF HONG KONG. BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN THEY WENT: DONALD DIXON, OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, RICHARD APPLEGATE OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. AND CAPT. BEN KRASNER OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE.

SEVERAL AMERICANS HAVE DISAPPEARED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

U.S.AMBASSADOR CHARLES E. BOHLEN HAS TAKEN UP THE CASES OF TOWERS AND COX WITH THE KREMLIN. BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY HE HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY--WHICH COULD MEAN THE SOVIETS ARE PUZZLED OVER JUST HOW TO HANDLE HIS INQUIRIES, MADE LAST NOV.2 AND NOV.25.

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SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES SAID LAST NOV.3 THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS GATHERING "WHATEVER INFORMATION WE COULD" ABOUT TOWERS AND COX.

MOSCOW HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO INTERCEDE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA IN THE CASES OF AMERICANS DETAINED THERE. BUT THE RUSSIANS SHRUG OFF SUCH REQUESTS, SAYING IT'S AN AFFAIR STRICTLY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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1953

THE UNITED STATES CANNOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PEIPING, SINCE IT HAS NEVER RECOGNIZED THE COMMUNIST REGIME. THAT IS WHY RUSSIA, OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED NATIONS ARE SOUGHT AS INTERMEDIARIES.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFTEN HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION, ALTHOUGH IT DISPLAYS SOME RETICENCE ABOUT DETAILS ON THE GROUND THAT MIGHT BRING REPRISALS ON THE HOSTAGES.

ITS POSITION, AS STATED LAST OCT.9, IS THAT "IT WILL NOT OVERLOOK ANY POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF ALL THE AMERICANS UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OR DENIED THE RIGHT TO LEAVE COMMUNIST CHINA."

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NIGHT LEAD WEDEMEYER (250)

1953

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22 (AP)-TWO RETIRED GENERALS TOLD A SENATE COMMITTEE TODAY THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WOULD BE THE ONLY RELIABLE SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS IN WARTIME.

LT. GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMEYER EXPRESSED THE OPINION IT MIGHT BE "PROHIBITIVE TO MAINTAIN SEA LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO BASES IN WESTERN EUROPE OR THE FAR EAST" IN THE CASE OF MAJOR HOSTILITIES.

BRIG. GEN. BONNER FELLERS SAID HE THOUGHT THE RUSSIAN AIR FORCE COULD FLATTEN EUROPE IN SPITE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY DEFENSES BECAUSE, HE SAID, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE COMMAND OF THE AIR.

HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNITED STATES MAINTAIN ONLY THE BASES OVER WHICH IT CAN KEEP COMMAND OF THE AIR -- IN GREENLAND, ICELAND AND SOUTHERN MOROCCO. BRITAIN MIGHT ALSO BE A USEFUL BASE, HE SAID, IF THE BRITISH CAN SUPPLY ENOUGH AIR POWER TO MAKE IT DEFENSIBLE.

WEDEMEYER, CHINA THEATER COMMANDER AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT OF AVCO MANUFACTURING CORP., NEW YORK. FELLERS SERVED ON GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S STAFF IN THE PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II.

THEY APPEARED BEFORE A SENATE GROUP INVESTIGATING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF OIL, METALS AND OTHER CRITICAL MATERIALS THE UNITED STATES WOULD NEED IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR CONFLICT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS HEADED BY SEN. MALONE (R-NEV), WHO CONTENDS THE U. S. SHOULD PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING AMERICAN MINES AND OTHER DOMESTIC SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND LESS EMPHASIS ON IMPORTS.

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FIRST LEAD SHIP INDICTMENTS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22 (AP)-A GREEK CITIZEN WHO AT THE REQUEST OF SEN. MCCARTHY AGREED LAST MARCH TO ENGAGE IN NO TRADING WITH RED CHINA WAS INDICTED TODAY ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER MEN AND THREE COMPANIES ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS U.S. CARGO VESSELS.

ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INDICTED WAS MANUEL E. KULUKUNDIS WHO, AS PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK SHIPOWNERS NEW YORK COMMITTEE, FIGURED IN THE EFFORTS OF THE WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN SENATOR TO HALT TRADE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. LAST MARCH 28 MCCARTHY ANNOUNCED THAT THE SHIPPING GROUP HAD AGREED TO BREAK OFF TRADE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. THREE DAYS LATER, KULUKUNDIS AND FOUR OTHER GREEKS WHO CONTROL 140 OF THE VESSELS INVOLVED SAID THEY HAD ENGAGED IN NO SUCH TRADE FOR TWO YEARS. KULUKUNDIS SAID THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO ELIMINATE WHAT HE CALLED FALSE PUBLICITY AND ACCUSATIONS.

ONE INDICTMENT, ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD AND TO FILE FALSE STATEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT, NAMED AS DEFENDANTS THE METRO PETROLEUM SHIPPING CO., INC.; A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY, METRO STEAMSHIP CORPORATION: THEODOSEOUS (CO) J. MITROU: MANUEL E.

KULUKUNDIS AND EVANGELOS C. STAMAT I. SON-IN-LAW OF MITROU.

MANUEL E. KULUKUNDIS WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS A GREEK CITIZEN LIVING IN NEW YORK.

THE SECOND INDICTMENT CHARGED A THIRD CORPORATION AND TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH CONSPIRING TO FILE FALSE STATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF A SURPLUS VESSEL. NAMED AS DEFENDANTS WERE THE MARTIS STEAMSHIP CORPORATION; ANTHONY C. COULOUCOUNDIS (CQ) AND HIS COUSIN, ELIAS J. KULUKUNDIS. ALL OF NEW YORK.

IN THE INDICTMENT INVOLVING THE TWO CORPORATIONS AND THREE INDIVIDUALS THE FIRST COUNT ALLEGED THAT THEY CONCEALED INFORMATION THAT THE CORPORATIONS SEEKING TO PURCHASE SURPLUS VESSELS WERE UNDER CONTROL OF NON-CITIZENS. UNDER LAW, SURPLUS VESSELS WERE TO BE SOLD BY THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ONLY TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE SECOND AND THIRD COUNTS OF THIS INDICTMENT CHARGED THE FILING OF FALSE STATEMENTS AS TO OWNERSHIP AND OTHER MATERIAL FACTS; REMAINING COUNTS NAMED ONLY STAMATIOU AND METRO STEAMSHIP, CHARGING THE FILING OF FALSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

INVOLVED WERE THE PURCHASES OF THE CARGO VESSELS GULFWATER AND THE ATLANTIC WATER IN 1951. THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE GULFWATER WAS $510,290 WHILE $429,676 WAS THE PRICE FOR THE ATLANTIC WATER.

IN THE OTHER INDICTMENT NAMING THE MARTIS CORPORATION, ONE COUNT CHARGED THE DEFENDANTS WITH CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES BY FILING FALSE STATEMENTS WITH THE MARITIME COMMISSION. THE SECOND COUNT CHARGED ALL WITH FILING A FALSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT, WHILE FIVE OTHER COUNTS CHARGED ELIAS J.KULUKUNDIS AND THE MARTIS FIRM WITH FILING FALSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

INVOLVED WAS THE PURCHASE OF THE VESSEL WINTHROP L.MARVIN IN 1941 FOR $486,782.

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(ADVANCE-FOSTERS, MICH., DEC. 22 (AP)-EUGENE L.INMAN, WHO FELT THE HAND OF GOD IN THE BATTLEFIELDS OF KOREA AND THROUGH THE COLD, HUNGRY HORROR OF A COMMUNIST PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP, HAS DECIDED TO DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO THE MINISTRY.

THE 22-YEAR-OLD EX-SOLDIER RETURNED TO HIS FOSTERS HOME SEPT. 21 AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE HANDS OF THE REDS. HE IS LIVING IN A TRAILER NEXT TO THE HOME OF HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. DAVID M.INMAN, NEAR SAGINAW.

SOON AFTER CHRISTMAS HE AND HIS BRIDE OF TWO WEEKS, ROSEMARY, WILL LEAVE FOR KANKAKEE, ILL., WHERE HE WILL BEGIN A FOUR-YEAR PRE-SEMINARY COURSE AT OLIVET NAZARENE COLLEGE.

AFTER GRADUATION THERE, HE WILL GO TO KANSAS CITY FOR THREE MORE YEARS AT THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE SEMINARY.

ALTHOUGH INMAN'S DECISION TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO RELIGION CAME ONLY RECENTLY, IT WAS NURTURED BY THE SIGHT OF DEATH AND THE BRAINWASHING OF THE REDS.

IT BEGAN NOV. 30, 1950, IN THE GRIM DAYS OF THE WAR. INMAN AND SOME OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY, SECOND DIVISION--A BATTALION OF MEN--WERE AMBUSHED. OF 230 MEN ON THAT BATTLEGROUND SAYS INMAN, HE WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR.

SURROUNDED, HE GOT DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND PRAYED. "I WAS AFRAID," HE SAID, "BUT SUDDENLY I FELT SOMETHING LIKE A HAND ON MY SHOULDER AND I WASN'T AFRAID ANY MORE."

HE WAS SOON RECOGNIZED AS A RELIGIOUS "REACTIONARY."

"THEY WAVED PISTOLS IN MY FACE AND THREATENED TO KILL ME. THEY SAID, 'SHOW US YOUR GOD--IF HE REALLY EXISTS POINT HIM OUT TO US.'"

HE HAD A BIBLE, AND THE REDS KNEW IT. THEY TRIED TO GET IT, BY PERSUASION, BY THREATS. FINALLY THEY MADE HIM STAND IN THE SNOW FOR THREE HOURS. BUT HE WOULDN'T GIVE UP THE BIBLE.

INMAN BEGAN TO PREACH. AT FIRST, THE RED POLITICAL OFFICERS CENSORED HIS SERMONS. THEY ASKED HIM FOR OUTLINES OF HIS PRAYERS--WHAT HYMNS BE SUNG. "HOW CAN YOU GIVE SOMEONE AN OUTLINE OF A PRAYER? INMAN ASKS.

THEN THE COMMUNISTS TOLD HIM THEY WOULDN'T REVIEW HIS SERMONS IF HE PROMISED NOT TO PREACH AGAINST THEM.

FOR INMAN THAT IDEA WAS ABSURD. "THE MINUTE YOU OPEN THE BIBLE, YOU ARE PREACHING AGAINST THEM," HE SAYS. "COMMUNISM IS A RELIGION OF MATERIALISM."

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HOW COULD SOME RESIST THE BRAINWASHING, AND OTHERS FAIL? HOW COULD SOME LIVE THROUGH THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PRIVATION?

"WELL," ANSWERS INMAN, "IF YOU WERE IN A ROOM WITH A DEAD FRIEND NEXT TO YOU, AND ANOTHER WHO WAS SOON TO DIE, COULD YOU EMPTY YOURSELF OF ALL FEELING FOR THEM? IF YOU COULDN'T, YOU COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT."

YOU HAD TO HAVE SOMETHING BESIDES THE ABILITY TO PURGE YOURSELF OF ALL FEELING TO WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE, INMAN SAYS. YOU HAD TO HAVE COURAGE, NOT SIMPLE BATTLEFIELD COURAGE, BUT THE COURAGE OF CONVICTION.

YOU HAD TO BE ABLE TO LOOK THE REDS IN THE FACE AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU BELIEVE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AS WHEN INMAN TOLD ONE CHINESE THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. "I'M SURE HE KNOWS IT WELL," HE SAYS.

EVEN WITH THE COURAGE OF CONVICTION, THE GOING WAS ROUGH. ON A DIET OF BEANS AND A FEW GREENS, HE WENT FROM 225 POUNDS AT THE TIME OF HIS CAPTURE TO A LOW OF 100 POUNDS. (NOW HE IS BACK TO 190.)

ON AUGUST 30, NEARLY THREE YEARS AFTER HIS CAPTURE, HE WAS RELEASED.

BACK HOME INMAN MET ROSEMARY MILLER, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. LESTER MILLER, IN CHURCH. THE NEXT DAY INMAN PROPOSED. THEY WERE MARRIED NOV. 23.

ALL THIS TIME, INMAN WAS HAVING A STRUGGLE WITH HIS CONSCIENCE. BEFORE HIS ARMY DAYS HE HAD, HE SAYS, "NEVER BEEN SINCERELY RELIGIOUS." BUT NOW, HE FELT HE "HAD EXPERIENCED THE TOUCH OF GOD."

IN KOREA HE HAD CARRIED IN HIS WALLET A CLIPPING FROM THE NEW YORK DAILY WORKER. IT WAS IN THE FORM OF AN ADVERTISEMENT, WITH A PICTURE OF CHRIST, AND IT SAID, "REWARD--FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OF JESUS CHRIST. WANTED FOR SEDITION, CROMINAL ANARCHY, VAGRANCY, AND CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT. DRESSES POORLY, SAID TO BE CARPENTER BY TRADE. HAS VISIONARY IDEAS.. ALIAS: PRINCE OF PEACE, ETC."

"WHEN I SAW THAT," INMAN SAYS, "I GOT SO MAD I TORE OUT THE ADDESS OF THE NEWSPAPER SO I COULD BLOW KIT UP WHEN I GOT HOME."

IF HE COU

DN'T BLOW UP THE DAILY WORKER, HE COULD DEMOLISH THE COMMUNIST MYTH--WITH THE BOMB OF CHRISTIANITY. HE ALSO FELT HE OWED GOD SOMETHING.

"IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE HELP OF GOD," HE SAYS, "I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW."

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NIGHT LEAD INTERNAL SECURITY

BY MARTIN POST

NEW YORK, DEC. 22 (AP)-SPRUILLE BRADEN, A FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY YET LOSE LATIN AMERICA TO THE COMMUNISTS "AS WE DID CHINA."

LISTING TWO COUNTRIES AS ALREADY UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE, BRADEN DECLARED:

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"COMMUNIST PENETRATION IN THE REMAINING COUNTRIES TO THE SOUTH OF US HAS REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS AS WOULD, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, CRIPPLE THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF STRATEGIC MATERIALS WHICH WOULD BE VITAL FOR THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA IN THE EVENT OF A THIRD WORLD WAR."

BRADEN, WHO HAD A LONG DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN SOUTH AMERICA UNDER PRESIDENTS ROOSEVELT AND TRUMAN, WAS A WITNESS BEFORE THE SENATE'S INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE.

HE CHARGED THAT A "SWARM" OF RELATIVELY NEW OFFICIALS, MANY WITH "COMMUNISTIC OR SOCIALISTIC INCLINATIONS," HAVE REPLACED "CAREER MEN OF INTEGRITY AND INTELLIGENCE" IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE CAREER MEN HAVE BEEN LET GO FOR ECONOMY REASONS.

"DISASTERS AND DIFFICULTIES HAVE RESULTED," BRADEN SAID, COUNSELING THE SENATE PROBERS TO LOOK INTO "THE MOSCOW-INSPIRED CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY OUR COUNTRY BY SPREADING COMMUNISM THROUGH THE REST OF THIS HEMISPHERE."

"THIS UNDERMINING OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY HAS BEEN COUNTENANCED AND EVEN AT TIMES ABETTED BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

BRADEN, WHO RESIGNED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LATIN AMERICA IN 1947, HAD FORMERLY BEEN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA AND ARGENTINA. HE FREQUENTLY WAS AT ODDS WITH JUAN PERON, THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT, WHICH BROUGHT AN ANTI-UNITED STATES CAMPAIGN IN THAT COUNTRY.

HE SAID TODAY THAT VARIOUS AGENCIES--HE NAMED AMONG OTHERS THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION, THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE--WERE SUPER-IMPOSED ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR II.

MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE AGENCIES, POSSESSED WITH AUTHORITY, WERE "UNIFORMLY ANTAGONISTIC" TO PRIVATE PROPERTY, BRADEN SAID.

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HE SAID THE "INFILTRATION OF THESE INSIDIOUS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS HAS NOT BEEN RESTRICTED T THE UNITED STATES" BUT

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HAS NOT BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE UNITED STATES" BUT THAT SOME, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE U.S., "HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO AN EMPLOYED BY LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS."

"OFTEN," HE CONTINUED, "THEY WERE ABLE TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUND POLICY AND EFFECTIVE ACTION WHEN THEY COULD NOT IMPOSE THEIR OWN PROGRAMS."

BRADEN SAID GUATEMALA IS DOMINATED BY "KREMLIN--DIRECTED COMMUNISTS" AND THAT SINCE MARCH ANOTHER AMERICAN REPUBLIC--HE DIDN'T NAME IT--HAS COME UNDER "MARXIAN DOMINATION."

HE CONCLUDED:

"FROM THIS VERY BRIEF RESUME I TRUST THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL AGREE THAT THE GROWING THREAT OF COMMUNISM IN LATIN AMERICA MERITS YOUR EARNEST CONSIDERATION, IF WE ARE NOT TO LOSE THIS HEMISPHERE AS WE DID CHINA."

BRADEN CITED INSTANCES IN WHICH, HE SAID HIS OWN DISPATCHES NEVER REACHED INTENDED EYES OR HAVE DISAPPEARED FRO THE FILES.

ONE MESSAGE, URGING TRUMAN TO DEMAND OF RUSSIAN PREMIER STALIN AT POTSDAM THAT SOVIET "MACHINATIONS" IN LATIN AMERICA CEASE, NEVER REACHED THE THEN SECRETARY OF STATE, JAMES BYRNES, HE SAID.

BRADEN TOLD AGAIN OF HIS OPPOSITION TO A "COMPLETELY CRAZY AND COCKEYED" MONETARY AND FISCAL REFORM PLAN FOR CUBA PROPOSED BY THE LATE HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

WHITE IS THE FORMER TREASURY OFFICIAL WHO, ACCORDING TO ATTY. GEN. HERBERT BROWNELL JR., WAS LISTED IN FBI REPORTS AS A SPY FOR RUSSIA.

BRADEN FIRST TOLD OF THE BATTLE HE PUT UP AGAINST THE PLAN SIX WEEKS AGO.

HE SAID TODAY THAT HE LEARNED OF THE PLAN UPON HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA IN 1942. HE SAID THE PLAN WOULD HAVE BANKRUPTED THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. IT CONTAINED THINGS "EVEN THE WILDEST-EYED NEW DEALER WOULDN'T TRY", HE SAID.

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HIS 11TH HOUR INTERVENTION KEPT CUBA FROM PASSING LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN, BRADEN ADDED.

BRADEN SAID HE WAS DIRECTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OVER SECRETARY CORDELL HULL'S SIGNATURE TO REVERSE HIS STAND, BUT HE REFUSED.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE DIRECTIVE CAME FROM LAURENCE DUGGAN, THEN HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION.

DUGGAN FELL OR JUMPED TO HIS DEATH FROM A NEW YORK BUILDING IN 1948. IT WAS 12 DAYS AFTER HE HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN SECRET TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNIST APPARATUS THAT INCLUDED ALGER HISS.

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NIGHT LEAD U.N.--PALESTINE

BY FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 22 (AP)--WESTERN BIG THREE EFFORTS AT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION FOR THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISPUTE OVER THE JORDAN RIVER WATERS BOGGED DOWN TODAY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL THEN POSTPONED DEBATE ON THE ISSUE UNTIL DEC. 29.

THE COUNCIL MET IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSION AND RECESSED TWICE WHEN IT APPEARED AGREEMENT WAS NER BUT GAVE UP LATE IN

WHEN IT APPEARED AGREEMENT WAS NEAR BUT GAVE UP LATE IN THE DAY.

CHARLES MALIK OF LEBANON SAID AGREEMENT ON A FORMULA WAS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER" BUT FINALLY SAID THE MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME GOVERNMENTS BEFORE MAKING A DEFINITE DECISION. ABBA EBAN OF ISRAEL SAID ISRAEL HAS NOT TAKEN PART IN ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

TH COUNCIL HAS BEEN DEBATING SYRIA'S COMPLAINT THAT CONSTRUCTION BY ISRAEL OF A CANAL FROM THE JORDAN RIVER IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN PALESTINE TO A HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN ISRAEL WOULD HARM SYRIA, WOULD BE AN ACT OF AGGRESSION, AND WOULD VIOLATE THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI ARMISTICE.

ISRAEL AGREED TO SUSPEND WORK ON THE CANAL UNTIL THE COUNCIL ACTS ON THE COMPLAINT. BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION LEAVING IT UP TO MAJ. GEN. VAGN BENNIKE, PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF, TO DECIDE WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO RESUME WORK.

LEBANON AND SYRIA OBJECTED THAT SYRIA'S RIGHTS WOULD BE VIOLATED BY SUCH A RESOLUTION. ISRAEL REPLIED SYRIA SHOULD NOT HAVE A VETO ON THE ISRAELI PROJECT. THE WESTERN BIG THREE PROPOSED A COMPROMISE TODAY STATING DEFINITELY THAT THE RIGHTS OF BOTH PARTIES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BUT THE ARABS WERE NOT ABLE TO AGREE ON THAT FORMULA BEFORE THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK.

CARLOS ECHEVERRI-CORTES, COLOMBIA, PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JAN. 11. HE WAS SUPPORTED BY U.S. DELEGATE HENRY CABOT LODGE JR. BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL VOTED FOR A FRENCH-BRITISH PROPOSAL TO MEET ON DEC. 29.

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U.N. ATOMIC

BY MAX HARRELSON

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 22 (AP)-ATOMIC EXPERTS HERE SAID TODAY THE RUSSIANS, LIKE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW ELEMENT INTO THE DEBATE OVER CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

THEY REFERRED TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT NATIONS PLEDGE THEMSELVES NOT TO USE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THE RUSSIANS MADE THIS PROPOSAL IN AGREEING TO DISCUSS EISENHOWER'S PLAN TO POOL ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

KULUKUNDIS AND EVANGELOS C. STAMAT I. SON-IN-LAW OF MITROU. INMAN BEGAN TO PREACH. AT FIRST, THE RED POLITICAL OFFICERS

THE U.N. EXPERTS ARE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE DEBATE ON ATOMIC MATTERS HERE FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, BUT CANNOT BE FURTHER IDENTIFIED. THEY SEE THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AS A SHIFT FROM THE PAST SOVIET DEMANDS FOR AN IMMEDIATE PROHIBITION OF THE MANUFACTURE, STOCKPILING OR USE OF A-TYPE WEAPONS.

ATOMIC PRODUCTION WOULD CONTINUE. THUS THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION AND CONTROL WOULD NOT ARISE. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE RUSSIANS' STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT YESTERDAY'S PROPOSAL WAS INTENDED ONLY AS AN INTERIM STEP LEADING TO THEIR ANNOUNCED GOAL: COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS FROM WORLD ARMAMENTS.

AND THERE IS NO SIGN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GO ALONG WITH THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

DELEGATES AND U.N. OFFICIALS WHO STUDIED THE 3,000-WORD SOVIET TEXT WERE NOT READY TO PREDICT THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSED PRIVATE TALKS. THE GENERAL FEELING, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE.

AS THE U.N. EXPERTS VIEWED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, IT ENVISAGES AN AGREEMENT ALONG THE GENERAL LINES OF THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 OUTLAWING THE USE OF POISONOUS GASES AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, WHILE NOT MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO POSSESS SUCH WEAPONS. THE SOVIET NOTE CREDITS THE GENEVA PROTOCOL WITH PREVENTING THE USE OF GAS OR GERM WEAPONS IN WORLD WAR II. THE UNITED STATES ORIGINALLY SIGNED THE PROTOCOL, BUT NEVER RATIFIED IT. 1953

IN AUGUST, 1952, BENJAMIN COHEN, U.S. DELEGATE TO THE U.N. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION, DECLARED THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF IN ADVANCE AGAINST USING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AGAINST AGGRESSORS. COHEN DECLARED THE UNITED STATES, AS A MEMBER OF THE U.N., HAD COMMITTED ITSELF TO REFRAIN FROM USING FORCE OF ANY KIND CONTRARY TO THE LAW OF THE U.N. CHARTER. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO ABIDE BY THAT COMMITMENT AND EXPECTED EVERY OTHER MEMBER TO ABIDE BY IT.

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COHEN INSISTED SUCH AGREEMENTS AS THE GENEVA PROTOCOL WERE MERE PAPER PLEDGES AND WERE WORTHLESS WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS. 1953

THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, DOES NOT "INTEND, BEFORE SUCH MEASURES AND SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON, TO INVITE AGGRESSION BY INFORMING.....WOULD-BE AGGRESSORS AND CHARTER BREAKERS THAT WE WILL NOT USE CERTAIN WEAPONS TO SUPPRESS AGGRESSION. TO DO SO IN EXCHANGE FOR MERE PAPER PROMISES WOULD BE TO GIVE WOULD-BE AGGRESSORS THEIR OWN CHOICE OF WEAPONS."

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UNLESS THE UNITED STATES POSITION HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN, THE CHANCES FOR ACCEPTA

OWN CHOICE OF WEAPONS."

UNLESS THE UNITED STATES POSITION HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN, THE CHANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL APPEARED TO BE JUST ABOUT ZERO. BUT SOME U.N. OBSERVERS SAID THE RUSSIAN IDEA MIGHT SERVE, ALONG WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL, TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO THE STALLED ATOMIC DISCUSSIONS.

THE IDEA OF A VOLUNTARY PLEDGE NOT TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS WAS PLACED BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST SEPTEMBER BY INDIA'S V.K. KRISHNA MENON. MENON NEVER PUSHED HIS SUGGESTION AND IT NEVER CAME BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY FORMALLY.

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NIGHT LEAD BERIA (350 UP)

BY RICHARD R. KASISCHKE

MOSCOW, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-LAVRENTY PAVLOVITCH BERIA AND SIX ASSOCIATES HAVE DIED AS TRAITORS BEFORE A FIRING SQUAD, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS BERIA HEADED A VAST NETWORK OF SOVIET SECRET POLICE. UNTIL LAST JUNE HE WAS FIRST DEPUTY TO PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV. FOR YEARS HE HELD THE HIGHEST HONORS OF COMMUNISM.

THE SOVIET PRESS ANNOUNCED THE EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY, EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER ISSUANCE OF AN INDICTMENT DETAILING TREASON CHARGES AGAINST BERIA AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

BERIA WAS 54 AND A GEORGIAN LIKE JOSEPH STALIN, WHO DIED NINE MONTHS AGO.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE DEATH SENTENCES WERE IMPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION'S SUPREME COURT, WHICH CONSIDERED THE CASE FOR FIVE DAYS BEGINNING LAST FRIDAY. UNDER SOVIET LAW, CONVICTION MEANT MANDATORY DEATH BY SHOOTING, WITH NO APPEAL.

FAMED MARSHAL IVAN S. KONIEV, MILITARY HERO OF WORLD WAR II, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE EIGHT-MAN COURT WHICH PASSED SENTENCE. ANOTHER MEMBER WAS NIKOLAI SHVERNIK, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION WHO NOW IS HEAD OF THE SOVIET COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BERIA'S DEATH IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS WAS THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE COURT WAS IN SESSION. THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA SAID "THE GUILT OF ALL THE ACCUSED WAS COMPLETELY PROVED IN COURT BY THE EVIDENCE AND ALSO BY ORAL AND WRITTEN CONFESSIONS."

BERIA BESIDES BEING DEPUTY PREMIER WAS MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZED UNDER MALENKOV AFTER STALIN'S DEATH. HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE MALENKOV GOVERNMENT IN JUNE.

AFTER A PERIOD OF CONDEMNATION IN THE PRESS, THE CASE WAS DROPPED FROM THE PUBLIC VIEW FOR A LONG PERIOD. IT BURST AGAIN SUDDENLY LAST WEEK. IN THE INTERVENING DAYS BETWEEN PUBLICATION OF THE INDICTMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXECUTION, THE SOVIET PRESS JOINED IN A CHORUS OF CONDEMNATION. IT REPORTED MASS MEETINGS OF WORKERS, WRITERS, SCIENTISTS AND OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS DEMANDING DEATH FOR THE ACCUSED AS "VILE AND BASE BETRAYERS OF THE MOTHERLAND."

ALL THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS WERE REPORTED ADOPTING UNANIMOUS PLEDGES OF SOLID SUPPORT FOR PREMIER MALENKOV'S GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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(THE USUAL PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF SOVIET TRAITORS IS TO CREMATE THEIR BODIES AND QUIETLY DISPOSE OF THEIR ASHES.

(IT HAS NEVER BEEN ANNOUNCED FROM MOSCOW, BUT BERIA PRESUMABLY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SOVIET UNION'S CAMPAIGN TO CATCH UP WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE MAKING OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AFTER WORLD WAR II. THE JOB OF ATOMIC ENERGY BOSS NOW IS BELIEVED TO BE HELD BY VYACHESLAV MALYSHEV, WHOSE OFFICIAL TITLE IS MINISTER OF MEDIUM MACHINERY.)

AMONG THOSE DYING WITH BERIA WERE VSEVOLOD MERKULOV, FORMER MINISTER OF STATE SECURITY AND MORE RECENTLY MINISTER OF STATE CONTROL, AND V. G. DEKANAZOV, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DURING THE WAR AND MORE RECENTLY INTERNAL AFFAIRS (SECRET POLICE) CHIEF IN BERIA'S AND STALIN'S HOME GEORGIAN REPUBLIC.

EVER SINCE THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION OF 35 YEARS AGO, THE INDICTMENT SAID, BERIA AND THESE ASSOCIATES WERE ENGAGED IN TREASON AGAINST THE SOVIET STATE. FOR ALL THOSE YEARS, IT SAID, BERIA WAS "AN AGENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL" DIRECTING HIS ENERGIES TOWARD SUBVERSION OF THE SOVIET STATE.

IN PASSING SENTENCE, THE COURT DEPRIVED THE CONDEMNED MEN OF ALL THEIR PROPERTY AND ALL THEIR AWARDS. FOR BERIA, THESE HAD BEEN MANY, INCLUDING FIVE AWARDS OF THE ORDER OF LENIN, THE HIGHEST HONOR THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CAN BESTOW. HE ALSO HELD THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE MILITARY RANK BELOW STALIN--MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION.

ALL SEVEN DEFENDANTS, SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT, CONFESSED THEIR GUILT BEFORE THE COURT IN THE TRIAL, WHICH WAS A CLOSED SESSION. THEY HAD BEEN REPORTED CONFESSING THEIR GUILT IN THE "PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION" ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTOR'S INDICTMENT ISSUED A WEEK AGO.

THIS INVESTIGATION, SAID THE INDICTMENT, "ESTABLISHED THAT BERIA, USING HIS POSITION, HAD COLLECTED A TREACHEROUS GROUP OF PLOTTERS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET STATE, WHICH HAD MADE IT ITS CRIMINAL AIM TO USE ORGANS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS....AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.S.R. IN THE INTERESTS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL, STRIVING IN THEIR TREACHEROUS INTENTS TO PLACE THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ABOVE THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, TO GRAB POWER AND TO LIQUIDATE THE SOVIET WORKER-PEASANT REGIME WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING CAPITALISM AND SECURING THE REVIVAL OF THE DOMINATION OF THE BOURGEOISIE."

THE OTHERS EXECUTED WERE:

D. Z. KOBULOV, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE SECURITY AND LATELY DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

S. A. GOGLIDZE, FORMER CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS NETWORK OF CAMPS IN THE SOVIET FAR EAST.

P. Y. MESHIK, UNTIL RECENTLY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UKRAINE.

L.E.VLODZIMIRSKY, FORMER HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATIONS.

GLOGLIDZE AND DEKANAZOV, LIKE BERIA AND STALIN, WERE NATIVES OF GEORGIA, SCENE OF MANY RECENT COMMUNIST PARTY CLEANUPS.

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BERIA WAS BORN IN 1899 IN THE VILLAGE OF MERKEULI ON THE BLACK SEA COAST, NOT FAR FROM WHERE HE LATER, IN THE TIME OF HIS GREATEST POWER MADE HIS WINTER HOME.

HE WAS A STUDENT OF ENGINEERING IN BAKU, CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN, WHEN THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AGAINST THE CZAR BROKE OUT. HE JOINED THE BOLSHEVIKS IN MARCH, 1917. AFTER THEY CAME TO POWER, HE WAS ASSIGN TO THE POLICE WORK HE NEVER LEFT UNTIL HIS ARREST.

HE ROSE RAPIDLY IN POLICE WORK, ONCE HEADING ALL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLES COMMISSARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS, WHICH IS MADE UP OF AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA AND GEORGIA. HE TOOK OVER THE TRANS-CAUCASUS PARTY LEADERSHIP IN 1931.

IN 1935 BERIA WROTE A HISTORY OF THE BOLSHEVIKS IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS, TELLING OF STALIN'S ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT THERE.

HE ROSE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO AND, ALONG WITH THE PRESENT PREMIER, MALENKOV, WAS MADE A FULL MEMBER OF THAT RULING BODY AFTER WORLD WAR II.

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MOSCOW, ~~FRIDAY~~, DEC 24 (AP)-THE TEXT OF THE FINDING OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE SENTENCE, AND EXECUTION OF FORMER POLICE BOSS, LAVRENTY P. BERIA AND HIS SIX CO-DEFENDANTS, AS PUBLISHED TODAY IN IZVESTIA, PRAVDA AND OTHER MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS:

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FROM DEC. 18 TO 23 A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE U.S.S.R. SUPREME COURT, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION I.F. KONIEV AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: N.M. SHVERNIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS; E.L. ZEYIN FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE U.S.S.R.; GENERAL OF THE ARMY K.S. MOSHALENKO; N.S. MIKHAILOV, SECRETARY OF THE MOSCOW REGIONAL COMMITTEE; M.I. KUSHAVA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS OF GEORGIA; L.A. GROMOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE MOSCOW CITY COURT AND K.F. LUNEV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R. CONSIDERED IN A CLOSED COURT COMMITTEE, UNDER STATUTES ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW OF DEC. 1, 1934, THE CRIMINAL CASE OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST L.P. BERIA AND OTHERS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRIMINAL INDICTMENT, BERIA WAS HANDED OVER TO THE COURT AND ACCUSED OF CRIMES COVERED BY ARTICLES 58-1 (B) 58-8 58-13 AND 58-11 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE R.S.F.S.R. (RUSSIAN SOCIALIST FEDERATION OF SOVIET REPUBLICS)

WITH HIM WERE HANDED OVER TO THE COURT, V.N. MERKULOV, V.G. DEKANAZOV, B.Z. KOBULOV, S.A. GOGLIDZE, P.Y. MESHIK AND L.E. VLODZIMIRSKY WHO WERE ACCUSED OF CRIMES COVERED BY ARTICLES 58-1 (C) 58-8 58-11 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE R.S.F.S.R.

THE COURT INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETELY CONFIRMED THE EVIDENCE OF THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS AND ACCUSATIONS PLACED AGAINST ALL THE ACCUSED WHICH WERE LAID DOWN IN THE PROSECUTOR'S INDICTMENT. THE COURT ESTABLISHED THAT, HAVING BETRAYED THE MOTHERLAND AND ACTING IN THE INTERESTS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL, THE ACCUSED BERIA SET UP A TREACHEROUS GROUP OF CONSPIRATORS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET STATE IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH BERIA IN THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS JOINED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES--MERKULOV, DEKANAZOV, KOBULOV, GOGLIDZE, MESHIK, AND VLODZIMIRSKY.

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THE CONSPIRATORS ESTABLISHED AS THEIR CRIMINALL AIM TO USE THE ORGANS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY, IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.S.R., TO PLACE THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ABOVE TME AGTY AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEIZING POWER, FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE WORKING PEASANTRY, FOR RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM AND THE RESTORATION OF THE CONTROL OF THE BOURGEOUISIE.

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THE COURT ESTABLISHED THAT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRIMINAL, TREASONABLE ACTIVITY OF L.P. BERIA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT BY HIM OF SECRET CONNECTIONS WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WENT BACK TO THE TIME OF THE CIVIL WAR WHEN, IN 1919, L.P. BERIA, WHILE IN BAKU, COMMITTED TREASON, HAVING OCCUPIED THE POST OF SECRET AGENT IN THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MUSSAVET GOVERNMENT IN AZERBAIJAN, WHICH ACTED UNDER THE CONTROL OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ORGANS.

IN 1920, L.P. BERIA, WHILE IN GEORGIA, AGAIN COMMITTED TREASON BY ESTABLISHING SECRET CONNECTIONS WITH THE POLICE OF THE GEORGIAN MENSHEVIK GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS ALSO AFFILIATED TO A SECTION OF THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS UP TO HIS ARREST, L.P. BERIA CONTINUED AND EXTENDED HIS SECRET CONNECTIONS WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

IN THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS, L.P. BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES CAREFULLY CONCEALED AND CAMOUFLAGED THEIR HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

AFTER THE DEATH OF J.V. STALIN, STAKING THEIR HOPES ON A GENERAL ACTIVIZATION OF REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST FORCES AGAINST THE SOVIET

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STATE, L.P. BERIA BEGAN AN INTENSIFIED ACTION FOR THE REALIZATION OF ANTI-SOVIET, TREACHEROUS PLANS WHICH PERMITTED, WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD, THE EXPOSURE OF L.P. BERIA AND ALLOWED A PUTTING A STOP TO THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

HAVING BECOME MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R. IN MARCH 1953, THE ACCUSED L.P. BERIA WAS PREPARING TO SEIZE POWER AND BEGAN STEPPING UP THE PROMOTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN HIS CONSPIRATORIAL GROUP TO LEADING POSTS IN THE CENTRAL APPARATUS OF THE MVD AS WELL AS IN ITS LOCAL ORGANS.

L.P. BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES PERSECUTED ALL HONEST WORKERS OF THE MVD WHO REFUSED TO FULFILL THE CRIMINAL ORDERS ON THE CONSPIRATORS.

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IN HIS ANTI-SOVIET, TREACHEROUS AIMS, L.P. BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF CRIMINAL MEASURES TO ACTIVITIZE REMNANTS OF THE BOURGEOIS NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN THE UNION REPUBLICS, TO SOW HOSTILITY BETWEEN PEOPLE OF THE U.S.S.R. AND IN THE FIRST PLACE, TO UNDERMINE THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLES OF THE U.S.S.R. FOR THE GREAT RUSSIAN PEOPLE.

ACTING AS THE WORST ENEMY OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, THE ACCUSED L.P. BERIA, WITH THE AIM OF CREATING FOOD DIFFICULTIES IN OUR COUNTRY, SABOTAGED AND HINDERED THE CARRYING OUT OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURES

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IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT IN THE CONCEALING AND MASKING OF THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, THE ACCUSED L.P. BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES, COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY FEARED WOULD EXPOSE THEM.

AS ONE OF THE MAIN METHODS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, THE CONSPIRATORS CHOSE SLANDER, INTRIGUE, AND VARIOUS PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE HONEST PARTY AND THE SOVIET WORKERS WHO STOOD IN THE WAY OF HOSTILE AND TREACHEROUS PLANS OF L.P. BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES AND PREVENTED THEM FROM ACHIEVING POWER.

THE COURT ESTABLISHED THAT THE ACCUSED, L.P. BERIA, V.N. MERKULOV, V.G. DEKANAZOV, B.Z. KOBULOV, S.A. GOGLIDZE, P.Y. MESHIK AND L.E. VLODZIMIRSKY, USING THEIR POSITION IN THE ORGANS OF THE NKVD, MGB AND MVD, COMMITTED A NUMBER OF SERIOUS CRIMES WITH THE AIM OF DESTROYING HONEST PERSONNEL, LOYAL TO THE CAUSE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET CAUSE.

THE COURT ALSO ESTABLISHED THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY L.P. BERIA WHICH TESTIFIED TO HIS DEEP MORAL CORRUPTION AND THE FACTS OF THE CRIMINAL SELFISH ACTION AND ABUSE OF POWER MADE BY BERIA.

THE GUILT OF ALL THE ACCUSED IN THE INDICTMENT PRESENTED TO THEM WAS FULLY PROVED IN COURT BY GENUINE DOCUMENTARY DATA, PERSONAL NOTES OF THE ACCUSED AND EVIDENCE OF NUMEROUS WITNESSES.

EXPOSED BY THE EVIDENCE, THE ACCUSED L.P. BERIA, V.N. MERKULOV, V.G. DEKANAZOV, B.Z. KOBULOV, S.A. GOGLIDZE, P.Y. MESHIK, AND L.E. VLODZIMIRSKY VOMXIGMEB E EVIBEMVE GIVEN BY THEM AT THE ~~PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND IN COURT AGAIN ADMITTED THEMSELVES~~ GUILTY OF COMMITTING A SERIES OF SERIOUS CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE.

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THE SPECIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.S.R. SUPREME COURT ESTABLISHED THE GUILT OF THE ACCUSED L.P. BERIA OF HIGH TREASON; THE ORGANIZATION OF ANTI-SOVIET PLOTTING GROUPS WITH THE AIM OF SEIZING POWER AND RESTORING THE RULE OF THE BOURGOUSIE; OF COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST POLITICAL LEADERS LOYAL TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND TO THE

PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION; OF WAGING AN ACTIVE FIGHT AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY CLASS MOVEMENT IN BAKU IN 1919 WHEN BERIA OCCUPIED THE POST OF SECRET AGENT IN THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MUSSAVET GOVERNMENT IN AZERBAJAN, AND THERE ESTABLISHED TIES WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND AFTERWARDS CONTINUED AND EXPANDED HIS SECRET CRIMINAL TIES WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES UP TO THE MOMENT OF HIS EXPOSURE AND ARREST, THAT IS OF CRIMES COVERED BY ARTICLES 58-1 (B) 58-8 58-13 58-11 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE R.S.F.S.R.

THE COURT ESTABLISHED THE GUILT OF THE ACCUSED MERKULOV, DEKANAZOV, KOBULOV, GOGLIDZE, MESHIK, AND VLODZIMIRSKY, OF HIGH TREASON, OF COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS AND PARTICIPATING IN AN ANTI-SOVIET TRAITORS GROUP: THAT IS, IN CRIMES COVERED BY ARTICLES 58-1 (B) 58-8 58-11 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE R.F.S.F.R.

THE SPECIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.S.R. SUPREME COURT DECREED:

TO SENTENCE L.P. BERIA, MERKULOV, DEKANAZOV, KOBULOV, GOGLIDZE, MESHIK, AND VLODZIMIRSKY TO THE HIGHEST MEASURE OF CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT--TO BE SHOT -- WITH CONFISCATION OF THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND WITH THE STRIPPING ALL OF THEIR MILITARY TITLES AND AWARDS.

THE SENTENCE IS FINAL AND THERE IS NO APPEAL.

THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

YESTERDAY, DEC. 23, THE SENTENCE OF THE SPECIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.S.R. SUPREME COURT AS REGARDS BERIA, MERKULOV, DEKANAZOV, KOBULOV, GOGLIDZE, MESHIK, AND VLODZIMIRSKY, CONDEMNED TO THE HIGHEST MEASURE OF CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT -- TO BE SHOT-- WAS CARRIED OUT.

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LONDON, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-MOSCOW RADIO'S FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LAVRENTY P. BERIA AND SIX OTHERS WERE EXECUTED YESTERDAY CAME IN A SPANISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST HEARD HERE AT 1 A.M. TODAY (8 P.M., EST, WEDNESDAY).

ALTHOUGH THE NEWS HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS AT THAT HOUR (4 A.M., MOSCOW TIME), IT STILL HAD NOT BEEN BROADCAST FOR SOVIET HOME LISTENERS.

THE MOSCOW RADIO CONTINUED IN THE EARLY HOURS THURSDAY TO BUILD UP THE "HATA BERIA" CAMPAIGN IT AND THE SOVIET PRESS HAVE CONDUCTED FOR THE PAST WEEK. THE RADIO TOLD OF CONTINUING MASS MEETINGS DEMANDING DEATH FOR BERIA AND HIS COMPANIONS AS "TRAITORS OF THE MOTHERLAND."

JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT MOSCOW TIME, THE RADIO BROADCAST REPORTS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SOVIET PROVINCIAL PAPERS ON "THE WRATH AND INDIGNATION OF COLLECTIVE FARMERS CAUSED BY THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE DESPICABLE.... TRAITOR BERIA AND HIS GANG."

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BERIA

LONDON, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF TIME-TABLE LAVRENTY BERIA'S DOWNFALL:

MARCH 5, 1953--STALIN DIES, TRIUNVIRATE OF MALENKOV, BERIA AND MOLOTOV (IN THAT ORDER) APPOINTED TO RULE THE SOVIET UNION.

JULY 9--BERIA ARRESTED, OUSTED FROM COMMUNIST PARTY STRIPPED OF ALL POWER AND ACCUSED AS A TRAITOR--"AN ENEMY OF THE PARTY AND OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE."

AUG. 10--MOSCOW RADIO SAID THE BERIA CASE HAS BEEN BEFORE U.S.S.R. SUPREME COURT, WHICH RECOMMENDED STRIPPING HIM OF ALL RANKS AND AWARDS.

DEC. 16--PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED BERIA CASE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

DEC. 23--BERIA EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

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BERIA EPITAPH

LONDON, DEC. 23 (AP)-VOLUME "B" OF THE BIG SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA, PUBLISHED IN 1952, WILL NEED SOME QUICK REVISION. IT CARRIED A LONG APPRAISAL OF THE CAREER OF L. P. BERIA. IF BERIA HAD DIED WHILE JOSEPH STALIN LIVED, SOME OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA'S PHRASES MIGHT HAVE BECOME AN EPITAPH FOR BERIA:

"ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET STATE....A TRUE PUPIL AND COMRADE IN ARMS OF J. V. STALIN...HE WAS MADE MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION...HE POSSESSES FIVE ORDERS OF LENIN, THE ORDER OF SUVOROV IN THE FIRST DEGREE, TWO ORDERS OF THE RED BANNER AND SEVEN MEDALS."

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UNDATED BERIA

EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL ON L. P. BERIA IS FOR USE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE WHEN MOSCOW ANNOUNCES THAT BERIA IS DEAD.

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(THE WRITER OF THIS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LAVRENTY P. BERIA WAS FOR NINE YEARS STATIONED IN MOSCOW.

BY TOM WHITNEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS STAFF WRITER

(ADVANCE)...LAVRENTY P. BERIA UP TO A FEW MONTHS AGO WAS RUSSIA'S SUPER-POLICEMAN AND THE MOST DREADED MAN IN THE U.S.S.R. NOW HE IS DEAD-LABELED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT A TRAITOR AND FOREIGN SPY.

THE SIMPLER TRUTH IS THAT BERIA LOST IN THE RACE FOR SUPREME POWER FOLLOWING STALIN'S DEATH. HE HAS PAID THE PRICE FOR HIS FAILURE.

BERIA TILL HIS DOWNFALL HAD IMMENSE POWER.

IN THE PERIOD FROM STALIN'S DEATH TILL HIS ARREST LAST JUNE, 112 DAYS LATER, HE WAS NO. 2 MAN IN THE U.S.S.R. HE WAS PREMIER MALENKOV'S FIRST DEPUTY. IN THIS CAPACITY HE EXERCISED BROAD INFLUENCE OVER ALL SOVIET POLICY.

HE ALSO WAS MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS CAPACITY HE CONTROLLED (AS HE HAD CONTROLLED THEM FROM 1939) ALL SECRET POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE, ALL NORMAL POLICE, THE WELL-EQUIPPED AND LARGE PRIVATE ARMIES OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, THE LARGE FORMATIONS OF BORDER GUARDS, THE VAST SYSTEM OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND THEIR FORCED LABOR, THE LARGEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE U.S.S.R., ALL HIGHWAYS, AND VAST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY INCLUDING MOST OF SIBERIA AND THE SOVIET FAR EAST.

HE WAS THE SOVIET ATOMIC ENERGY TSAR. FROM THE END OF THE WAR HE RAN ALL SOVIET ATOMIC WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND WAS RESPONSIBLE MORE THAN ANY ONE MAN FOR SOVIET SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING THE ATOM BOMB AND THE HYDROGEN WEAPON, THE SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED ONLY A FEW WEEKS AFTER HIS FALL.

HE CONTROLLED HIS NATIVE GEORGIA AND EXERCISED DIRECT, STRONG INFLUENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER TWO TRANS-CAUCASIAN REPUBLICS, AZERBAIJAN AND ARMENIA; AND IN SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA, WHERE HIS POLICE GENERALS OCCUPIED KEY POSTS.

BERIA AT THE TIME OF STALIN'S DEATH LAST MARCH PLAYED A KAY ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF THE NEW SOVIET GOVERNMENT. WITHIN A FEW HOURS AFTER THE OFFICIAL DECLARATION THAT STALIN WAS DEAD HIS MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARMIES TOOK OVER THE ENTIRE CENTER OF MOSCOW. THEY HELD IT IN THEIR TRIP UNTIL STALIN WAS BURIED FOUR DAYS LATER.

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BERIA SPOKE ALONG WITH MALENKOV AND V. M. MOLOTOV AT STALIN'S

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FUNERAL. HE USED THE OCCASION TO "RECOMMEND" MALENKOV TO THE SOVIET PEOPLES. HE SPOKE AS A KING-MAKER. HE PROBABLY WAS.

BERIA SPOKE RUSSIAN WITH A MARKED GEORGIAN ACCENT, SIMILAR TO THAT OF STALIN. A SHORT BALD MAN, HE WAS DISTINGUISHED BY HIS PINCE-NEZ. AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS THOUGH HE HAD THE TITLE OF MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION HE DISDAINED ANY UNIFORM. HE WORE INSTEAD DARK BLUE OR GRAY BUSINESS SUITS WHICH TENDED TO BE A BIT BAGGY.

ALWAYS IN HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES HE SAT BESIDE PARTY CHIEFTAIN GEORGI MALENKOV. THERE SEEMS BUT LITTLE QUESTION THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THESE TWO MEN WERE THE CLOSEST OF COLLABORATORS.

BERIA WAS BROUGHT TO MOSCOW BY STALIN IN 1938 TO PUT AN END TO THE GREAT PURGE OF 1937-38. AS STALIN NO DOUBT INTENDED THAT IT SHOULD, THIS PURGE DECIMATED THE NATION'S LEADERSHIP AND INTELLIGENTSIA. AS STALIN PROBABLY DID NOT INTEND, IT BROUGHT A NEAR STATE OF CHAOS IN MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL RULE.

BERIA'S FIRST ACT IN HIS NEW JOB WAS TO LIQUIDATE HIS PREDECESSOR AS MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, NIKOLAI YEZHOV, WIDELY THOUGHT IN RUSSIA TO BE INSANE. YEZHOV SIMPLY DISAPPEARED EARLY IN 1939, NEVER TO BE HEARD FROM AGAIN.

TO RUN THE SOVIET POLICE, THEN ORGANIZED UNDER THE PEOPLES COMMISSARIAT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (THE MVD), BERIA BROUGHT IN MANY MEN FROM HIS NATIVE TRANS-CAUCASUS. WHILE OTHER PORTIONS OF THE SOVIET APPARATUS INCLUDING PARTY AND ARMY WERE MORE AND MORE RUSSIFIED, HIS POLICE REMAINED, SO LONG AS HE HEADED THEM, A RAMPART OF STRENGTH OF NON-RUSSIANS WITH MANY GEORGIANS, ARMENIANS, CENTRAL ASIANS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MINOR SOVIET NATIONALITIES.

DURING WORLD WAR II BERIA WAS DICTATOR STALIN'S FIRST DEPUTY ON THE SMALL "STATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE" WHICH WAS THE WARTIME ORGAN OF SUPREME POWER. BERIA PERSONALLY DIRECTED THE ARMAMENTS AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRY AND OTHER LARGE SECTORS OF THE WAR IN ADDITION TO HIS POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE LEADERSHIP. HE NEVER RELINQUISHED THIS POLICE LEADERSHIP EVEN DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE END OF THE WAR TILL STALIN'S DEATH WHEN HE NO LONGER HELD THE OFFICIAL TITLE OF MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

BERIA WAS BORN IN 1899 IN THE SMALL VILLAGE OF MERKEULI NEAR SUKHUMI ON THE BLACK SEA COAST. DURING THE IMMEDIATE PRE-REVOLUTIONARY AND CIVIL WAR PERIOD HE WAS AN ENGINEERING STU

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FROM THE VERY FIRST HE RECEIVED RESPONSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS IN THE SECRET POLICE (THEN KNOWN AS THE CHEKA). HE ROSE RAPIDLY TO HEAD ALL SECRET POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS (AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA AND GEORGIA). IN 1931 HE WAS DIRECTED BY MOSCOW TO TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS.

BERIA ASSURED HIS POSITION WITH STALIN BY WRITING IN 1935 A WORK ON THE HISTORY OF THE BOLSHEVIKS IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS. THIS WAS ONE OF STALIN'S MAJOR WEAPONS IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR REWRITING SOVIET HISTORY. DEALING AS IT DID WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS AT THE TIME WHEN STALIN HIMSELF WAS THERE, IT EXALTED STALIN'S ROLE AND DENOUNCED HIS RIVALS AND ENEMIES.

FEW MEN HAVE EVER HELD SO MUCH POWER AS DID BERIA DURING THE YEARS 1938 - 1953. FEW MEN HAVE EVER SENT SO MANY MEN TO EXILE AND DEATH.

BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT WHILE STALIN WAS ALIVE BERIA RECEIVED HIS ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM THE SOVIET DICTATOR WHO USED BERIA'S VAST ORGANIZATION TO CRUSH AND TERRORIZE HIS ENEMIES, AND INDEED ALL THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA. STALIN USED BERIA TO KEEP UNDER STRICTEST CONTROL THE SOVIET ARMY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

BERIA WAS BEYOND ANY DOUBT AN ABLE ORGANIZER, A CLEVER INTRIGUER (THOUGH IN THE END NOT CLEVER ENOUGH), AND A DEEP CYNIC.

TO A WESTERN DIPLOMAT AT A KREMLIN BANQUEST HE ONCE SAID:

"THE PEOPLE ARE SHEEP. IT IS TRAINED EXECUTIVES WHO DECIDE EVERYTHING."

BERIA GOES UNLAMENTED IN RUSSIA. AS STALIN'S HATCHET MAN HE WON THE HATE OF MILLIONS. NOW HIS NAME IS BEING ERASED FROM SOVIET HISTORY BOOKS AND HE IS CONSIGNED LIKE SO MANY SOVIET LEADERS BEFORE HIM TO OBLIVION. BUT MUCH OF THE SOVIET UNION TODAY -- ITS MILITARY MIGHT AS WELL AS ITS DISMAL OPPRESSION -- IS WHAT HE MADE IT. REWRITING OF HISTORY WILL NOT REMOVE HIS IMPRINT.

(END ADVANCE FOR USE WHEN MOSCOW ANNOUNCES THAT BERIA IS DEAD)

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UNDATED ANALYSIS--BERIA

BY WILLIAM L.RYAN

AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

THE SOVIET POLICE STATE STRUCTURE MOLDED BY JOSEPH STALIN OVER A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS SUFFERED A SEVERE SHOCK LAST NIGHT (WED) WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LAVRENTY PAVLOVITCH BERIA HAD DIED BEFORE A FIRING SQUAD.

THE UPHEAVAL LEAVES THE COMMUNIST PARTY MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT UPON THE SOVIET ARMY TO KEEP ITSELF IN POWER. IN THE FINAL DISGRACE AND HUMILITATION OF THE ONCE INDEPENDENTLY POWERFUL MVD (MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS) THROUGH THE EXECUTION OF ITS FORMER BOSS, THE PARTY HAS RUN INTO A DANGEROUS, THOUGH PROBABLY CALCULATED, RISK.

IVAN S.KONIEV, A SOVIET WAR HERO AND REGULAR ARMY MARSHAL, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIBUNAL WHICH SENT BERIA AND THE OTHER SIX TO THEIR DEATHS. THIS IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT, BOLSTERING THE SUSPICION THAT THE ARMY PLAYED A LARGE PART IN FORCING THE HAND OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT AND ENDING THE FANTASTIC POLICE EMPIRE OF A MAN WHO WAS A CLOSE ALLY AND CONFEDERATE OF STALIN.

THE BERIA FANTASY CAN ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF UPSETTING THE POLITICAL BALANCE AND LEAVING THE RULING COMMUNIST PARTY IN A WEAKENED CONDITION. THUS WEAKENED, THE PARTY, THROUGH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, MAY FIND ITSELF OBLIGED TO MAKE MORE AND MORE CONCESSIONS TO THE POPULATION. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PULL THE BRAKE, THE JOLT COULD WELL BE A VIOLENT ONE.

UNDER STALIN, THE COMMUNIST PARTY ALWAYS FEARED THE ARMY. STALIN'S MVD, A FULLY EQUIPPED ARMY IN ITSELF, AND THE PARTY HAD PENETRATED THE RANKS OF THE ARMY FROM TOP TO BOTTOM WITH A SPY SYSTEM TO KEEP THE OFFICER CLASS UNDER CONTROL. STALIN'S COMMUNISTS INFILTRATED THE MVD ITSELF, AND THE MVD IN TURN HAD ITS SPIES IN THE PARTY.

SO LONG AS THERE WAS A DICTATOR AT THE TOP, A SINGLE MAN WITH ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY, THE SYSTEM WORKED. BOTH ARMED FORCES--THE ARMY AND THE MVD--ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NO LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, WERE ANSWERABLE DIRECTLY TO THE TOP. STALIN COULD USE THE MVD AS THE INSTRUMENT OF IRON PARTY CONTROL.

NOW, HOWEVER, THE MVD HAS BECOME UNRELIABLE. ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREATH OF THE VAST SOVIET LAND, THE SECRET POLICE HAS BEEN AND STILL IS UNDERGOING A THOROUGH CLEANSING OF THE SUSPECT ELEMENTS. NONE IN THE NETWORK CAN FEEL HIMSELF ABOVE SUSPICION. AND THERE IS NO ONE MAN AT THE TOP TO WHOM THE MVD CAN GIVE ITS ALLEGIANCE. THE ALLEGIANCE MUST BE GIVEN TO A WHOLE TOP-RUNG COLLECTIVE IN WHICH MOST PROBABLY THERE STILL ARE SHARP RIVALRIES.

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IT SEEMS OBVIOUS NOW THAT THE PRIVATE ARMY OF POLICE THROUGH WHICH STALIN AND HIS FELLOW GEORGIAN, BERIA, WIELDED SUCH TERRIBLE POWER, IS A THING OF THE PAST. THE MVD WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM SECRET POLICE FUNCTIONS, BUT IT NOW WILL BE ANSWERABLE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH SITS IN THE KREMLIN, THE SIX TOP MEMBERS OF THE RULING COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDIUM HEADED BY PREMIER GEORGI M. MALENKOV.

NO LONGER WILL ANY ONE MAN BE TRUSTED BY THESE SIX WITH UNRIVALED CONTROL OVER THE POWERFUL SECRET ARMY. PRAVDA HAS MADE THIS PLAIN IN A RECENT EDITORIAL WHICH SAID: "THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HAVE ADOPTED DECISIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE CARRYING OUT OF SOVIET SOCIALIST LAWS AND TO ESTABLISH CONTINUOUS AND SYSTEMATIC CONTROL OF PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OVER ALL LINKS OF THE SOVIET APPARATUS, INCLUDING TH MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THUS THEY PUT AN END FOR GOOD AND ALL TO SUCH A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHEN CAREERISTS AND ADVENTURISTS AND ENEMY AGENTS CAN INFILTRATE INTO THE ORGANS OF THE MVD AND USE THE APPARATUS OF THE MVD IN THEIR CRIMINAL AIMS AGAINST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AGAINST HONEST ELEMENTS OF THE PARTY AND STATE WHO ARE LOYAL TO THE CAUSE OF COMMUNISM."

WITH ONE OF THE TWO PARALLEL ARMED FORCES THUS FENCED IN, THE OTHER--THE SOVIET ARMY--EMERGES WITH MORE POWER AND AUTHORITY. IN THIS FACT, THE SOVIET RULERS RUN UP AGAINST MORE GRAVE PROBLEMS. THESE HAVE THEIR EXPRESSION IN THE CURRENT DRIVE FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

FOR THE SOVIET PUBLIC, THE SPECTACLE OF A HIGH PARTY PRIEST FALLEN INTO DISGRACE WILL BE NOTHING NEW. THE SOVIET PUBLIC SEEMED LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO BERIA. IF ANYTHING, THE ARREST WAS POPULAR AND THE DOWNFALL OF THE CHIEF OF A NETWORK RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH GRIM REPRESSIONS COULD ONLY COME AS WELCOME NEWS. UNACCUSTOMED TO LEGAL PROCESSES, THE SOVIET PUBLIC IS NOT APPARENTLY BOTHERING ITS HEAD MUCH ABOUT THAT ASPECT.

BUT THERE IS A GROWING ELEMENT AMONG THE SOVIET PUBLIC WHICH WILL SEE THE BERIA CASE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE ITS OWN WELFARE. THE GROWING SOVIET MIDDLE CLASS WILL EXPECT CONCESSIONS. MOST LIKEPY THE CONCESSIONS WILL COME FOR A TIME, BUT WITH EACH, THE PARTY TAKES AN ADDED RISK.

THE APPALLING CONSUMER SITUATION IN A COUNTRY WITH FABULOUS RICHES HAS BEEN BLAMED ON BERIA AND HIS COHORTS. THE FAILURE OF SOVIET AGRICULTURE, THE WASTAGE OF MANPOWER, THE INCREDIBLY BAD USE OF MACHINES AND ALL THE DRABNESS AND MONOTONY OF SOVIET LIFE ARE PLACED AT HIS DOORSTEP.

THE PARTY THUS IS CHANNELING AWAY FROM ITSELF THE GROWING ANNOYANCE OF THE PEOPLE. BUT IN ORDER TO REMEDY THE SITUATION, SOMETHING MUST GIVE WAY--SOMETHING MUST BE SACRIFICED. IF MORE MANPOWER IS NEEDED, WHERE COULD IT COME FROM EXCEPT FROM THE OVER-MANNED ARMY? IF MORE RAW MATERIALS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CONSUMER PROGRAM, WHERE CAN THESE COME FROM EXCEPT FROM HEAVY INDUSTRY? HOW DOES THE SOVIET ARMY LEADERSHIP IN ITS NEWLY FOUND AUTHORITY TAKE TO THE IDEA OF INROADS INTO ITS DOMAIN?

THE NEW CONSUMER PROGRAM--MALENKOV'S PROMISE TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE WITHIN THREE YEARS--IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE PARTY'S DILEMMAS AND ANXIETIES IN THE WAKE OF THE STALIN ERA. ALREADY THIS HAS BROUGHT CONCESSIONS TO THE PEASANTS IN THE WAY OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE, TEMPTATIONS TO THE WORKING CLASS IN PROSPECTS OF PERSONAL OWNERSHIP OF DESIRABLE GOODS.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO CALL A HALT TO SUCH CONESSIONS--AND COME IT MUST IF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST SYSTEM IS TO CONTINUE ITS PATH--THE PARTY MAY FIND ITSELF UNABLE TO CHECK THE DEVELOPMENT EXCEPT BY THE RUTHLESS METHODS OF STALIN. AND THEN THE PARTY MAY NOT HAVE THE MEANS STALIN RESORTED TO, THE RELIABLE ARMY OF SECRET POLICE WHICH BERIA HEADED FOR SO LONG.

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PRECEDE LONDON (A73)

MOSCOW, THURSDAY, DEC 24 (AP)-PRAVDA TODAY CONTENDED THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES DISTORTED THE MEANING OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT THAT IT IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER POWERS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ATOMIC PLAN.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SAID THAT DULLES IN HIS SPEECH IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY "MADE THE MORE-THAN-ODD STATEMENT THAT THE SOVIET UNION OBVIOUSLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SPIRIT OF THE EISENHOWER PROPOSALS" FOR AN INTERNATIONAL POOL OF ATOMIC MATERIALS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

THE PAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT DULLES SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO A PUBLC DISCUSSION OF THE ATOMIC QUESTION. IT ADDED:

"THIS STATEMENT BY DULLES CONVINCES ONE THAT HE DISTORTS THE MEANING OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION AND THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN IT. THE TONE SET BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO REPEATED IN STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND VARIOUS NEWSPAPER COMMENTATORS WHICH, AS WELL AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, PERSISTENTLY ATTEMPT TO BYPASS THE MEANING OF THE U.S.S.R. PROPOSALS ABOUT NATIONS TAKING A SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGE NOT TO USE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN, OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER X X X PICKING UP FIFTH GRAPH A73 LONDON DATE UNDER DASH.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER MADE HIS HISTORIC PROPOSAL ON INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS ON DEC. 8. THE SOVIET UNION'S REPLY THIS WEEK, GIVING QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN, WAS CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. DULLES CALLED RUSSIA'S NOTE A "HOPEFUL SIGN."

DULLES ADDED THAT THE SOVIET UNION "SEEMS NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL." HE SAID THE RUSSIAN RESPONSE TO THE PLAN MAKES CLEAR WHAT HAS LONG BEEN EVIDENT--"THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC DEBATE."

IN AN ADDRESS BEFORE THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY, DULLES INDICATED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO TALK CONFIDENTIALLY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER ATOMIC POWERS ABOUT THE EISENHOWER PLAN IN THE HOPE OF HAVING IT PUT INTO EFFECT.

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V SECOND NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS (300)
BY GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

PANMUNJOM, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-TWENTY-TWO AMERICANS CONVERTED TO COMMUNISM APPARENTLY YIELDED TODAY A LAST CHANCE TO MEET WITH THEIR COUNTRYMEN AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY HAD TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THEIR HOMELAND.

AT LEAST 19 OF THE AMERICANS HAD INDICATED YESTERDAY THEY WOULD ATTEND A NEWS CONFERENCE WITH ALLIED AND COMMUNIST NEWSMEN IN THEIR PRISON COMPOUND IN THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THE OTHER THREE WERE IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL.

SOUTH KOREAN PRO-RED CAPTIVES NOTIFIED AN INDIAN OFFICER TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICANS AND THE LONE BRITISH CONVERT WOULD NOT

THREE SOUTH KOREAN POWS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING DENIED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE HELD IN THE PRO-COMMUNIST CAMP BY FORCE. THEY URGED INDIAN CUSTODIANS TO "LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY SUCH THINGS EXISTING IN THE CAMP."

THE PRISONERS SPENT MOST OF THE TWO-HOUR SESSION REPEATING OLD CHARGES AND COMPLAINTS. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN A WOODEN HUT OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND.

THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION TODAY REJECTED FOR THE SECOND TIME A RED REQUEST FOR MORE FACE-TO-FACE EXPLANATIONS TO PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION. INDIA VOTED WITH THE SWEDISH AND SWISS MEMBERS. THE CZECHSLOVAKIAN AND POLISH MEMBERS VOTED FOR CONTINUED EXPLANATIONS.

THE ARMISTICE-SET 90 DAY PERIOD EXPIRED LAST MIDNIGHT AND THE U.N. COMMAND OPPOSED ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS.

THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE 22 AMERICANS, CONVERTED TO COMMUNIST DOCTRINE DURING CAPTIVITY, WAS NOT CERTAIN.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON SAID THE AMERICANS WOULD REMAIN ON ARMY ROLLS IN "OPEN SERVE" UNTIL JAN. 22. THAT MEANT THEIR PAY WOULD CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE UNTIL THAT DATE.

NO DECISION WAS MADE ON THEIR STATUS AFTER JAN. 22. A PENTAGON STATEMENT SAID THE ARMY COULD: CONTINUE THE MEN ON AN OPEN SERVICE RECORD BASIS; GIVE THEM UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES; DROP THEM FROM THE ROLLS AS DESERTERS.

A FAR EAST COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAID OF THE WASHINGTON STATEMENT: "THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE RULES. WHATEVER THEY DECREE WILL BE THE FINAL ACTION."

THE COMMAND EARLIER HAD INDICATED THE 22 AMERICANS WOULD BE LISTED AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE FOR 30 DAYS AND THEN CLASSED AS DESERTERS.

THE AMERICANS ACCOMPANIED BY 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS STAGED A CIRCUS-LIKE PERFORMANCE INSIDE THEIR BARBED WIRE COMPOUND WEDNESDAY DURING THE FINAL ALLIEX EXPLANATION ATTEMPT.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THREE MEN IN THE CAMP HOSPITAL, THEY DANCED, SANG THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONALE, CHEERED AND JEERED IN AN EFFORT TO DROWN OUT THE FINAL ALLIED COME-HOME INVITATION BY LOUDSPEAKER.

PEIPING RADIO TODAY QUICKLY CAPITALIZED ON THE INCIDENT. A BROADCAST HEARD IN TOKYO SAID "AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND OFFICERS SAW THE COLLAPSE OF THEIR OWN LIE THAT 'THREE TO FOUR' AMERICAN POWS WERE PREVENTED FROM RETURNING BY 'FEAR, THREATS AND STRONG ARM METHODS.'"

THE THREE HOSPITALIZED AMERICANS WHO DID NOT HEAR THE FINAL EXPLANATIONS WERE CPL. OTHO G. BELL, 22, OF OLYMPIA, WASH., CPL. WILLIAM A. COWART OF MONTICELLO, ARK., AND SGT. LARANCE V. SULLIVAN, 22, OF OMAHA, NEB. Lawrence and Hillsboro, Miss.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION WHY THE MEN WERE HOSPITALIZED.

THE 19 ABLE BODIED AMERICAN PRISONERS ASKED THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WITH ALLIED AND COMMUNIST CORRESPONDENTS INSIDE THEIR COMPOUND.

LATER, SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS TOLD AN INDIAN OFFICER THAT THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITON WOULD NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. SOUTH KOREAN POWS PLANNED TO BE PRESENT, HOWEVER.

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PEIPING RADIO SAID THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH PRISONERS PREPARED A PROTEST WEDNESDAY AGAINST THE ALLIED LOUSPEAKER BROADCAST "AND AGAINST BEING DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO LISTEN TO EXPLANATIONS."

HOWEVER, THE ALLIED PRISONERS HAD FLATLY REFUSED TO ATTEND THE EXPLANATIONS UNLESS SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO UNLIMITED TIME IN "COUNTER-EXPLANATIONS" TO ALLIED EXPLAINERS. THE DEMAND WAS CONSIDERED AN OBVIOUS MOVE TO STALL THE TALKS UNTIL THE END OF THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD.

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ALL THE COME-HOME BROADCASTS WERE RECORDED AND REPEATED FOUR TIMES.

THE AMERICAN TEXT WAS NOT A PLEA. IT WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A STATEMENT THAT "WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO DESIRE REPATRIATION" AND THAT THIS WAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SAFE RETURN. THE INDIAN COMMAND DELETED ANY REFERENCE TO A "LAST OPPORTUNITY"--BUT THE THOUGHT WAS THERE.

THE BRITISH BROADCAST WAS EVEN DRYER THAN THIS AND CONTAINED A NOTE OF MENACE TO THE LONE SCOT IN THE PRO-RED CAMP, MARINE ANDREW CONDRON.

TALL MAJ. MCNABB OF THE ROYAL SCOTS READ STIFFLY: "I AM A BRITISH OFFICER IN A SCOTTISH REGIMENT WHOSE DUTY IT IS, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES, TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY...IT IS NOT MY INTENTION TO ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE YOU TO RETURN HOME...."

MCNABB SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH CONDRON'S MOTHER IN SCOTLAND BY TELEPHONE FROM JAPAN AND SAID THAT SHE WEPT FOR HER SON'S RETURN.

"WE SHALL WAIT HERE WITH THE INDIAN GUARDS FOR HALF AN HOUR. DURING THAT TIME, MARINE CONDRON, CONSIDER YOUR POSITION MOST CAREFULLY. YOU ARE FREE NOW TO MAKE YOUR DECISION. THE OUTCOME OF THAT CHOICE WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS."

LIKE THE AMERICANS AND THE SOUTH KOREANS, THE SCOTCH MARINE REPLIED WITH A VEHEMENT "NO."

SGT. RICHARD G. CORDEN, 25, OF PROVIDENCE, R.I., WHO INDIAN OFFICERS SAY IS THE LEADER OF THE AMERICANS, WALKED ABOUT THE COMPOUND WITH A BLUE PRISON UNIFORM COAT ABOUT HIS SHOULDERS LIKE A CAPE. AFTER THE BROADCASTS WERE OVER CORDEN SHOUTED:

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"DO ANY AMERICANS WANT TO GO HOME?"

"NO!" THE OTHERS SHOUTED IN CHORUS.

AMONG THOSE REJECTING HOME WAS PFC RICHARD R. TENNESON OF ALDEN, MINN. WHOSE MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE, WAITED IN TOKYO ON THE FAINT CHANCE HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE.

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THEN MRS. HOWE, QUOTING THE BIBLE FOR STRENGTH, LEFT ABOARD A NORTHWEST AIRLINES PLANE FOR CHRISTMAS AT HOME WITH HER THREE OTHER CHILDREN.

THE END OF THE EXPLANATION PERIOD LEFT THIS REPATRIATION BOXSCORE:

OF THE 22,592 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN WAR PRISONERS TURNED OVER TO THE NNRC ON SEPT. 25, EXPLANATIONS WERE GIVEN TO 3,474. OF THE PRISONERS INTERVIEWED, 127 CHOSE REPATRIATION--80 CHINESE AND 47 NORTH KOREANS RETURNING TO THEIR RED HOMELANDS.

ANOTHER 206 PRISONERS INCLUDING 122 CHINESE AND 84 NORTH KOREANS VOLUNTARILY CHOSE TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL SIDE WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS.

ALLIED WAR PRISONERS TURNED OVER TO THE NNRC TOTALED 359. SEVEN SOUTH KOREANS INCLUDING ONE WOMAN AND ONE AMERICAN, CPL. EDWARD S. DICKENSON OF CRACKERS NECK, VA., WERE REPATRIATED VOLUNTARILY. ONLY 250 SOUTH KOREANS WOULD LISTEN TO EXPLANATIONS AND NONE ACCEPTED REPATRIATION. THE REMAINING 77 KOREANS JOINED WITH THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITON IN HOLDING OUT WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS UNTIL LAST NIGHT'S DEADLINE.

THE INDIAN CUSTODIAL COMMAND LISTED 43 OTHER PRISONERS AS LOST TO OTHER CAUSES. THESE INCLUDED 13 CHINESE, 29 NORTH KOREANS AND 1 SOUTH KOREAN. AMONG THE CHINESE DEAD THERE WERE 9 BY NATURAL CAUSES, 2 BY MURDER OR SUICIDE 3 SHOT BY GUARDS, 1 ESCAPED OR MISSING. FOR THE NORTH KOREAN FATALITIES, 9 NATURAL, 8 MURDERS OR SUICIDES, 2 SHOT BY GUARDS, 10 ESCAPED OR MISSING. ONE SOUTH KOREAN WAS LISTED AS ESCAPED OR MISSING.

WITH THIS ACCOUNTING, THE INDIAN COMMAND REPORTED IT HAS 22,217 ANTI-COMMUNISTS AND 350 PRO-COMMUNISTS BEING HELD IN SEPARATE CAMPS INSIDE THE NEUTRAL ZONE.

IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST SOUTH CAMP THE INDIANS ARE HOLDING 14,487 CHINESE AND 7,730 KOREANS WHO REFUSE TO RETURN TO RED CONTROL. THE REDS CLAIM THAT ALL THESE CAPTIVES MUST BE HELD UNTIL A POLITICAL CONFERENCE CAN DISCUSS THEIR FATE.

THE ALLIES CONTEND THE ARMISTICE TIMETABLE PLAINLY PROVIDES THAT ALL NON-REPATRIATED PRISONERS SHALL BE RECLASSIFIED AS CIVILIANS AND RELEASED ON JAN. 22.

THE INDIAN CUSTODIAL FORCE IS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE. LT. GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA, CHAIRMAN OF THE NNRC, HAS ADMITTED THE INDIAN GUARD TROOPS HAVE "NO LEGAL CUSTODY" OVER THE POWS AFTER JAN. 22. HE HAS STRONGLY INDICATED THE PRISONERS WILL BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICE AT THAT TIME.

THIMAYYA HAS ALSO SAID THAT REQUESTS FOR REPATRIATION DURING THE NEXT 30 DAYS WILL BE TREATED THE SAME AS IN THE PAST. ANYONE CHANGING HIS MIND HAS BEEN PRESUMED FREE TO PETITION FOR A RETURN TO HIS

RESPECTIVE SIDES.
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WITH PRISONERS (150)
PANMUNJOM, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION SPLIT TODAY OVER A PROPOSED REPORT COVERING THE ENTIRE PRISONER OF WAR OPERATION IN KOREA.
INDIA VOTED FOR THE REPORT ALONG WITH POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND ABSTAINED AND CIRCULATED THEIR OWN REPORT AMONG THE COMMISSION MEMBERS.
THE MAJORITY REPORT HAD BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR MONTHS.
IT WAS A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THE ENTIRE PRISONER DISPUTE.
THOUSANDS OF WAR CAPTIVES WERE EXCHANGED BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARMISTICE. DURING A 90-DAY PERIOD SET BY THE ARMISTICE, EXPLANATIONS WERE MADE TO PRISONERS WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION. THE PERIOD ENDED LAST MIDNIGHT BUT OTHER THOUSANDS OF CAPTIVES, MOSTLY ANTI-COMMUNISTS, HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN EXPLANATIONS ON WHY THEY SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS.
(EDS: ABOVE MAY BE INSERTED IN SECOND NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS.)
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POW ROUNDUP (850)
BY FORREST EDWARDS
PANMUNJOM, DEC. 23 (AP)-AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS WHO EMBRACED COMMUNISM CHANTED RED SONGS, SHOUTED AND LINKED ARMS WITH FELLOW CAPTIVES IN A WILD SWIRLING DANCE TODAY, DROWNING OUT LAST-MINUTE BROADCAST APPEALS TO RETURN HOME.
THE U.N. COMMAND SAID THE BROADCASTS A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE MIDNIGHT (10 A.M. EST) DEADLINE FOR EXPLANATIONS TO BALKY PRISONERS ENDED EFFORTS TO WOO HOME 22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON AND 327 SOUTH KOREANS WHO STAYED WITH THE REDS.
THE COMMUNISTS, WHO HAVE PRESSED REPEATEDLY FOR AN EXTENSION OF TH EXPLANATION PERIOD, ASKED TO INTERVIEW MORE CHINESE PRISONERS FROM THE ANTI-COMMUNIST SOUTH CAMP THURSDAY.
BUT THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION RULED THAT THE EXPLANATIONS HAD ENDED.
THE COMMISSION APPROVED A REQUEST FROM THE PRO-COMMUNIST AMERICANS AND THE BRITON TO MEET ALLIED AND RED NEWS CORRESPONDENTS INSIDE THEIR COMPOUND THURSDAY.
LOUDSPEAKERS OUTSIDE THE BARBED WIRE ENCLOSURE BROADCAST 12 TIMES DURING THE DAY--FOUR APPEALS EACH TO THE 22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON AND 77 SOUTH KOREANS WHO WERE NOT INTERVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY. ALL OF THE 250 SOUTH KOREANS INTERVIEWED EARLIER ELECTED TO STAY WITH THE COMMUNISTS.
THE BROADCASTS WERE GREETED BY WILD DEMONSTRATIONS AS THE PRISONERS DANCED, SANG, SHOUTED AND CHEERED IN UNISON.
ONLY 17 AMERICANS WERE COUNTED INSIDE THE COMPOUND. THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID THREE WERE IN A NEARBY HOSPITAL AND DID NOT HEAR THE BROADCASTS. TWO OTHERS APPARENTLY REMAINED INSIDE THE HUTS WHERE THE PRISONERS LIVE. THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID ~~16~~ 19 WERE INSIDE THE COMPOUND.

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NEWS CORRESPONDENTS STANDING OUTSIDE THE WIRE IDENTIFIED FROM PICTURES SGT. RICHARD CORDON OF EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I., STRIDING ABOUT THE ENCLOSURE WITH A SHORT COAT THROWN OVER HIS SHOULDERS AS HE LED THE DEMONSTRATION.
CORDON AND BRITISH MARINE ANDREW CONDRON PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS LEADERS OF THE NON-KOREAN PRISONERS.
CORRESPONDENTS ALSO IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS:

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CLAUDE BATCHELOR OF KERMIT, TEX., RICHARD TENNESON OF ALDEN, MINN.; WILLIAM C. WHITE OF PLUMMERVILLE, ARK.; R. E. DOUGLAS OF SAN ANGELO, TEX.; HOWARD C. ADAMS OF CORSICANA, TEX.; AND L. V. SKINNER OF AKRON, OHIO.
INDIAN GUARDS SAID OTHO G. BELL OF OLYMPIA, WASH., W. A. COWART OF MONTICELLO, ARK., AND LARANCE SULLIVAN OF OMAHA WERE IN THE HOSPITAL.
TENNESON'S MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE, FLEW TO TOKYO TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO COME HOME. TENNESON WROTE HIS MOTHER THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO RETURN.
BATCHELOR RECENTLY WROTE HIS JAPANESE WIFE THAT HE WAS GOING TO REMAIN WITH THE COMMUNISTS BECAUSE "I HAVE THE IDEAS OF A COMMUNIST."
WITH THE END OF THE EXPLANATION PERIOD ALL OF THE AMERICANS BECOME ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE. IN ANOTHER 30 DAYS THEY WILL BE LISTED AS DESERTERS.
UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE ALL UNREPATRIATED WAR PRISONERS ARE TO BE HELD IN THE NEUTRAL ZONEUNTIL JAN. 22 WHEN THEY ARE TO BE RELEASED AS CIVILIANS. DURING THE 30-DAY PERIOD THEY CAN STILL ASK FOR REPATRIATION.
THE COMMUNISTS WANT THE PRISONERS KEPT IN CUSTODY UNTIL A PEACE CONFERENCE DECIDES THEIR FATE, BUT THE ALLIES HAVE REFUSED TO AGREE.
A FEW MILES FROM THE COMPOUND WHERE THE ALLIED BROADCASTS WERE MADE COMMUNIST EXPLAINERS WON BACK 11 OF 250 CHINESE AND 1 NORTH KOREA OUT OF 42 INTERVIEWED ON THE FINAL DAY OF EXPLANATIONS.
IT WAS THE NINTH DAY THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TRIED TO CHANGE THE MINDS OF SOME 22,500 CHINESE AND KOREAN PRISONERS.

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DURING THAT TIME THEY HAVE TALKED WITH 3.173 PRISONERS AND HAVE WON BACK 138 OR ABOUT 4.3 PER CENT.
THE TAPE RECORDED BROADCAST TO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN THE NORTH CAMP WAS MADE BY MAJ. EDWARD MOORER OF TACOMA, WASH. HIS VOICE BOOMING FROM THE LOUDSPEAKERS SENT THE PRISONERS INTO A DEMONSTRATION DESCRIBED BY ONE OBSERVER AS "AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF THE COLLECTIVE MIND SHUTTING OUT WHAT IT FEARS."
INDIAN GUARDS STOOD OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND GATE AS THE BROADCAST BEGAN.
"NOW IS THE TIME. COME FORWARD AND INFORM THE GUARDS NEAREST YOU, THE BROADCAST SAID.
"YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO COME HOME, NOW IS THE CHANCE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING," MOORER'S VOICE CONTINUED.
"WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME AMONG YOU WHO DESIRE TO BE REPATRIATED---WHO WANT TO RETURN HOME, BUT WHO ARE BEING FORCIBLY PREVENTED FROM EXPRESSING YOUR FREE WILL BY FEAR, THREATS AND STRONGARM METHODS OF CERTAIN OF YOUR FELLOW PRISONERS.
"IT IS CLEAR THAT YOUR SO-CALLED REPRESENTATIVES ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION AND RESTRICTING YOUR FREEDOM TO SPEAK AND ACT AS INDIVIDUALS."
INSIDE THE COMPOUND THE AMERICANS, THE BRITON AND THE SOUTH KOREANS CAPERED IN A WEIRD DANCE, SHOUTING THE COMMUNIST "INTERNATIONALE" AND OTHER SONGS TO DROWN OUT THE LOUDSPEAKER.
"DO ANY AMERICANS WANT TO GO HOME?" CORDON SHOUTED AS THE FIRST BROADCAST ENDED.
"NO!" THE OTHERS YELLED IN UNISON.
THEN THE BRITISH MARINE SHOUTED:
"DO ANY BRITISH WANT TO GO HOME?"
HE ANSWERED HIS OWN QUESTION WITH A LOUD "NO!"
BEFORE THE BROADCAST WAS MADE THE INDIAN COMMAND ASKED THE

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ALLIES TO DELETE FROM THE TEXT A WARNING "THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY."

THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT THE INDIANS WERE PLANNING TO SCREEN PRISONERS NOT INTERVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY DURING THE 30 DAYS BEFORE JAN. 22.

GEN. JOHN E. HULL, U.S. AND U.N. FAR EAST COMMANDER ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT DECLARING THAT IN 30 DAYS ALL PRISONERS IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY "WILL BE ENTITLED TO THEIR FREEDOM AS CIVILIANS."

HULL ALSO EXPRESSED "PROFOUND ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR THE INDIAN TROOPS" WHO HAVE GUARDED THE PRISONERS IN KOREA'S DEMILITARIZED ZONE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER.

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MUNSAN, KOREA, THURSDAY, DEC. 24-(AP)-THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND TODAY RELEASED A SEMI-OFFICIAL LIST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS REFUSING REPATRIATION.

U. N. REPATRIATION OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THE LIST WAS COMPILED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNISTS. THE ARMY HAS NEVER OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED THE AMERICANS.

THE U. N. COMMAND SAID THE LIST WAS RELEASED TO SATISFY MANY REQUESTS FOR MORE AUTHENTIC DATA THAN THAT FURNISHED BY COMMUNIST SOURCES. THE ARMY SAID THE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION INCLUDEDWAS TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS AT THE TIME OF THE MAN'S CAPTURE.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

1.--PFC. CLARENCE C. ADAMS, MEMPHIS, TENN.; BORN JAN. 4, 1929, ARMY, 503RD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED DEC. 1, 1950.

2.--SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS, CORSICANA, TEX.; BORN MAY 19, 1925; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS 1ST BATTALION, 19TH REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED JAN. 1, 1951.

3.--CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, KERMIT, TEX.; BORN DEC. 14, 1929; ARMY 8TH REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION; CAPTURED MAY 18, 1951.

4.--SGT. ALBERT C. BELHOMME, ASHLAND, PA.; BORN NOV. 7, 1928; ARMY, BATTERY C, 37TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 25, 1950.

5.--PFC. OTHO G. BELL, HILLSBORO, MISS.; BORN JAN. 22, 1931; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 2ND ENGINEERS, C BATTALION, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; DATE OF CAPTURE NOT LISTED.

6.--SGT. 1. C. RICHARD G. CORDEN, PROVIDENCE, R. I.; BORN JAN. 2, 1928; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 2ND ENGINEERS,

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7.--CPL. WILLIAM A. COWART, MONTICELLO, ARK.; BORN JAN. 2, 1932; ARMY, COMPANY I, 21ST REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED JULY 12, 1950.

8.--SGT. RUFUS E. DOUGLAS, TEXON, TEX.; BORN MARCH 21, 1927; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 19TH REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED JAN. 1, 1951. (PREVIOUS UNOFFICIAL LISTS HAVE CARRIED DOUGLAS' HOME TOWN AS SAN ANGELO, TEX.)

9.--PFC. JOHN R. DUNN, BALTIMORE, MD.; BORN JUNE 29, 1928; ARMY, COMPANY E, 23RD REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED 1951. (MONTH AND DATE NOT LISTED).

10.--CPL. ANDREW FORTUNA, LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; BORN MARCH 20, 1926; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 5TH REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 28, 1950.

11.--PFC. LEWIS W. GRIGGS, NECHES, TEX.; BORN AUG. 2, 1932; ARMY, 35TH REGIMENT, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED APRIL 25, 1951.

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12.--PVT. SAMUEL D. HAWKINS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.; BORN AUG. 11, 1932; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 38TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 30, 1950.

13.--PFC. ARLIE H. PATE, CARBONDALE, ILL.; BORN NOV. 3, 1930; ARMY, COMPANY D, 32ND REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED DEC. 2, 1950.

14.--CPL. SCOTT L. RUSH, MARIETTA, OHIO; BORN AUG. 18, 1932; ARMY, 3RD SIGNAL COMPANY, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 26, 1950.

15.--PFC. LOWELL O. SKINNER, CLEVELAND, OHIO; BORN APR. 9, 1931; ARMY, COMPANY D, 8TH REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 2, 1950. (PREVIOUSLY LISTED FROM AKRON, OHIO).

16.--PVT. RICHARD R. TENNESON, ALDEN, MINN.; BORN JUNE 4, 1933; ARMY, 23RD REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED MAY 18, 1951.

17.--CPL. LAWRENCE B. SULLIVAN, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.; BORN FEB. 1, 1931; ARMY, COMPANY I, 9TH REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION. CAPTURED NOV. 25, 1950. (PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS LARANCE SULLIVAN OF OMAHA, NEB.)

18.--CPL. HAROLD H. WEBB, ST. PIERCE, FLA.; BORN SEPT. 12, 1931; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 9TH REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED DEC. 1, 1950.

19.--PFC. WILLIAM C. WHITE, PLUMBERSVILLE, ARK.; BORN MAY 9, 1930; ARMY, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 9TH REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 30, 1950.

20.--PFC. AARON P. WILSON, URANIA, LA.; BORN JULY 28, 1932; ARMY, COMPANY B, 32ND REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION; CAPTURED NOV. 28, 1950.

21.--PFC. ~~MORSE~~ MORRIS R. WILLS, FT. ANN, N. Y.; BORN MAY 3, 1933, ARMY, (NO COMPANY) 38TH REGIMENT, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION. CAPTURED MAY 18, 1951.

22.--PFC. JAMES G. VENERIS, HAWTHORNE, CALIF.; BORN MARCH 27, 1922; ARMY, BATTERY B, 82ND AAA BATTALION. (NO DIV. LISTED) CAPTURED DEC. 1, 1950.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE 22 AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS WHO EMBRACED COMMUNISM WILL REMAIN ON THE ARMY ROLLS IN "OPEN SERVICE" UNTIL JAN. 22. HOW THEY WILL BE CLASSED AFTER THAT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED.

OPEN SERVICE, A SPOKESMAN SAID, MEANS THE MEN WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE THEIR PAY ACCUMULATE. HE SAID NO DECISION WOULD BE MADE ABOUT FUTURE ACTION AS TO THEM UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE 120-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED IN THE MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE AMOUNT OF ACCUMULATED PAY, THE ARMY SAID, WOULD DEPEND BOTH ON THE SOLDIER'S GRADE AND ON THE TIME HE HAD BEEN A PRISONER. DEPENDING ON DECISION ON THE SOLDIERS' STATUS AFTER JAN.22, THE MONEY PRESUMABLY WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THEIR FAMILIES.

AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID FLATLY THAT NONE OF THE 22 AMERICANS HAD BEEN LISTED AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE AND THAT THE "OPEN RECORD" STATUS MEANT THAT THEY WERE BEING CARRIED ON ARMY ROLLS JUST AS THEY WERE BEFORE THEY REFUSED TO LISTEN TO AMERICAN EXPLAINERS.

ALTHOUGH THE ARMY HAS NOT OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE 22 AMERICANS, AS REPORTED ORIGINALLY BY THE COMMUNISTS, THE LIST OF THE 22 AS CARRIED BY THE AMERICAN PRESS CONTAINS 19 MEN LISTED AS PRISONERS OF THE ENEMY AND THREE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION. A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE IN THESE CASUALTY CATEGORIES UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE 120-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

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THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT GAVE THESE EXPLANATIONS BECAUSE OF REPORTS FROM THE FAR EAST THAT THE 22 AMERICANS WERE AUTOMATICALLY DECLARED ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE YESTERDAY AFTER THEY DECLINED TO HEAR UNITED STATES EXPLAINERS.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AMERICANS WILL REMAIN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS. THIS PERIOD OF TIME WAS PROVIDED IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO START IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE EXPLAINER SESSIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID ALSO THAT UNTIL MIDNIGHT JAN. 22, THE PRISONERS MAY APPLY TO THE NEUTRAL COMMISSION FOR REPATRIATION EVEN THOUGH THE FORMAL EXPLANATION SESSIONS HAVE ENDED.

A PENTAGON STATEMENT SAID THAT AFTER JAN. 22 THE ARMY HAS THREE POSSIBLE COURSES IN DEALING WITH THE 22 AMERICANS.

FIRST, TO CONTINUE THE MEN ON AN "OPEN SERVICE RECORD" BASIS, AS AT PRESENT.

SECOND, TO GIVE THE MEN "UNDESIRABLE" DISCHARGES.

A POSSIBLE THIRD COURSE WOULD BE TO DROP THE MEN FROM THE ARMY ROLLS AS DESERTERS.

THE DECISION AS TO A COURSE OF ACTION, THE PENTAGON EXPLAINED, "MUST BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SITUATION THEN PREVAILING AND CANNOT BE ENUNCIATED AT THE PRESENT TIME."

TODAY'S EXPLANATION DIFFERED SOMEWHAT FROM ONE SET FORTH IN AN ARMY STATEMENT OF SEPT. 30. AT THAT TIME THE ARMY SAID THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT MEN SHOULD BE "RELEASED TO CIVILIAN STATUS" AT THE END OF THE 120-DAY PERIOD WHICH STARTED SEPT. 23, WHEN THE NEUTRAL COMMISSION TOOK CHARGE OF ALL PRISONERS WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION.

NEITHER THE ARMY NOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS EVER EXPLAINED WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE CIVILIAN STATUS FOR THE 22 AMERICANS.

AS MILITARY PERSONNEL, THEY WENT OVERSEAS CARRYING MILITARY IDENTIFICATION ONLY. IF THE ARMY DETERMINED THAT THE MEN SHOULD LOSE THEIR MILITARY STANDING, THE 22 WOULD BE WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFICATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

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MRS HOWE (400)

BY SAM SUMMERLIN

TOKYO, DEC. 23 (AP)-MRS. PORTIA HOWE PACKED TONIGHT FOR A LONG HOMEWARD JOURNEY, A SAD BUT DEVOUT MOTHER WHO SAYS HER WAR PRISONER SON ONE DAY WILL REALIZE HE MADE A MISTAKE IN TURNING COMMUNIST.

THE ALDEN, MINN., HOUSEWIFE EXPECTS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HER FAMILY. SHE IS TAKING PRESENTS BOUGHT IN JAPAN FOR HER THREE OTHER CHILDREN.

MRS. HOWE FLEW TO JAPAN 12 DAYS AGO IN AN EFFORT TO SEE HER POW SON, PFC. RICHARD TENNESON, IN KOREA. SHE FAILED. BUT SHE SAID TONIGHT HER HOPE IS NOT SHAKEN.

HER PLANE LEFT AT 10:40 P.M. (8:40 A.M. EST). IT IS TO MAKE ONE OP IN THE ALEUTIANS AND IS DUE IN SEATTLE AT 11 P.M. PST TODAY A.M. EST THURSDAY).

TENNESON, 20, IS ONE OF 17 AMERICANS WHO TODAY SHOUTED DOWN A LAST-MINUTE ALLIED LOUDSPEAKER APPEAL AT PANMUNJOM THAT THEY COME HOME. ALL THE AMERICANS REFUSED.

MRS. HOWE, A SMALL BIBLE IN HER HAND, LISTENED TO THE NEWS TONIGHT IN HER HOTEL ROOM.

THEN SHE OPENED HER BIBLE. "TRAIN UP A CHILD," SHE READ ALOUD IN A SOFT BUT COMPOSED VOICE, "IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

THIS, SHE SAID, IS ONE OF GOD'S PROMISES AND "I BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES ARE NEVER BROKEN.

"I FEEL SURE RICHARD WILL REALIZE HIS MISTAKE."

OF COURSE, SHE SAID. HER WON WILL BE WELCOMED WHENEVER HE MIGHT CHOOSE TO COME HOME.

"I WOULD LIKE THE COMMUNISTS TO KNOW THEY HAVEN'T DESTROYED OUR FAMILY UNITY," SHE SAID. "I AM GOING HOME TO HAVE CHRISTMAS. I WILL GO HOME AND RESUME A NORMAL LIFE--AND WE WILL GET BACK TO NORMAL, AS FAST AS POSSIBLE."

BUT MRS. HOWE SAID SHE IS STILL CONVINCED HER SON BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE IS A VICTIM OF BRAINWASHING.

HER THREE OTHER CHILDREN ARE NATHAN 17, AND EBEN AND JAN, 10-YEAR-OLD TWINS.

SHE SAID HER FAMILY MAY MEET HER IN MINNEAPOLIS.

MRS. HOWE WORE A BLACK DRESS WITH A WHITE FLOWER ON THE SHOULDER AND BLACK SHOES. HER DARK HAIR HAS SOME STREAKS OF GREY.

MRS. HOWE WAS ASKED HOW SHE FELT AFTER THE LONG BUT VAIN VIGIL SHE KEPT IN TOKYO IN HOPES OF TALKING WITH HER SON.

SHE OPENED HER BIBLE AGAIN, TO THE 56TH PSALM, 11TH VERSE: "IN GOD HAVE I PUT MY TRUST. I WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT MAN CAN DO UNTO ME."

AND THE 55TH PSALM, 18TH VERSE: "HE HATH DELIVERED MY SOUL IN PEACE FROM THE BATTLE THAT WAS AGAINST ME, FOR THERE WERE MANY WITH ME."

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BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD

TOKYO, DEC.23 (AP)-"I WISH I HAD THEIR CHANCE TO GO HOME," THE CORPORAL SAID. "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS--WELL, I JUST WISH I HAD THE CHANCE."

CPL. DONALD L. WAKEHOUSE WAS TALKING ABOUT 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS IN KOREA WHO DECLINED A LAST-MINUTE INVITATION TODAY TO RETURN HOME.

HE LAY ON A BED IN A TOKYO ARMY HOSPITAL, HIS BADLY INFECTED LEG IN A CAST.

WAKEHOUSE IS THE ONLY PRISONER REPATRIATED IN THE EXCHANGE AFTER THE ARMISTICE STILL IN THE FAR EAST. SINCE AUGUST HE HAS BEEN FLAT ON HIS BACK WHILE SURGEONS TRIED TO STOP AN INFECTION IN HIS LEG BONE. THE INFECTION IS STUBBORN AND WAKEHOUSE WILL REMAIN IN TOKYO MANY MORE WEEKS.

"THE INFECTION GOT A GOOD START," WAKEHOUSE SAID WRYLY. "AFTER THE COMMUNISTS GOT ME WITH BURP GUN BULLETS THEY LEFT ME FOR DEAD AND I LAY IN THE MUD AND RAIN FOR 36 HOURS.

"IMAGINE 22 AMERICANS NOT WANTING TO GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES," CONTINUED THE THIN, BROWN-EYED 6-FOOTER.

"THE COMMIES SURE DIDN'T SHOW ME ANYTHING I WANTED. THEY DIDN'T SHOW ME ANYTHING EXCEPT FILTH AND DIRT FLOORS AND HUTS THAT WERE SWARMING WITH FLIES. THEY SHOWED ME HOW TO LIVE LIKE AN ANIMAL."

WAKEHOUSE' WIFE, LOUISE, LIVES AT TURIN, IOWA AND HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. LEWIS WAKEHOUSE, AT WOODBINE, IOWA.

"I'M JUST AN IOWA FARM BOY WHO'S LIKE TO BE BACK IN IOWA FOR CHRISTMAS," WAKEHOUSE SAID WITH A RUEFUL SMILE.

"LAST CHRISTMAS I WAS UP ON THE FRONT IN THE PUNCHBOWL SECTOR AND I'M STILL NOT HOME. BUT I'LL BE THERE NEXT YEAR AND I'LL MAKE UP THEN FOR THE CHRISTMASES I'VE LOST."

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BY STAN CARTER

MUNSAN, THURSDAY, DEC. 24 (AP)-ELEVEN YOUNG U. S. ARMY OFFICERS TODAY WERE FINISHED WITH A JOB FOR WHICH THEY STUDIED FOUR MONTHS BUT NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO PERFORM.

THE OFFICERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN ALLIED "EXPLAINERS" IN INTERVIEWS WITH 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION.

THE JOB WAS TO TELL THE PRISONERS THEIR RIGHTS AND REMIND THEM

THAT THEIR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES WERE ANXIOUS TO SEE THEM AGAIN.

BUT THE "COME HOME" TALKS WERE NEVER HELD. THE AMERICAN PRISONERS REFUSED TO ATTEND UNTIL DEMANDS OF FELLOW SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS WERE MET. AND THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION, WHICH SUPERVISES THE PRISONERS, CONSIDERED THE SOUTH KOREANS DEMANDS "IMPOSSIBLE."

THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD ENDED AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT UNDER TERMS OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE. THE RANKING OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN EXPLANATION TEAM, MAJ. EDWARD A. MOORER OF TACOMA, WASH., MADE THE U. N. COMMAND'S ONLY EXPLNATION ATTEMPT -- A LOUDSPEAKER BROADCAST TO THE AMERICANS.

THE 11 JUNIOR OFFICERS OF THE TEAM NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO USE THE SPEECHES AND THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION THEY HAD PREPARED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PRISONER. MOST OF THEM WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THEIR OLD UNITS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEY INCLUDE:

LT. EDWARD L. PINNEY, (410 MILDRED STREET), MONTGOMERY, ALA.; CAPT. CHESTER F. HOOKESBORN, (88 SOUTH ST.,) AUBURN, N. Y.; LT. JAMES O. DAY, MARIBA, KU.; LT. THOMAS SINGLETON, (1627 PACIFIC ST.,) BROOKLYN, N. Y.; LT. LESLIE A. PALMER, (955 NEW MARKET ST.,) PHILADELPHIA; LT. BORIS POGOLOFF, MANVILLE, N. J.; LT. CARTER KARL LANGE, WEST ALLIS, WIS., AND LT. JOSE BIBILONI, ARECAIBO, P. R.

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SPELLMAN (400)

SEOUL, DEC.23 (AP)-THE SMILING WHITE-HAIRED MAN MOVED SLOWLY DOWN THE ROW OF BEDS, STOPPING AT EACH TO SHAKE HANDS AND CHAT FOR A FEW MOMENTS WITH THE PATIENTS IN THE ALLIED ARMY HOSPITAL.

SOME OF THE MEN REACHED OUT TO CLASP HIS HANDS AND KISS THE RING HE WORE.

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN HAD BEGUN HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE CHRISTMAS VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS TROOPS IN KOREA.

THE CARDINAL, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND VICAR OF ALL CATHOLICS IN THE ARMED FORCES, ARRIVED TODAY BY PLANE FROM TOKYO AND PAUSED ONLY TO GREET THE 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, GEN.MAXWELL D.TAYLOR AND ATTEND AN ARMY HONOR GUARD CEREMONY BEFORE HEADING FOR THE 121ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL OUTSIDE OF SEOUL.

FROM THERE HE WENT TO THE 48TH MOBILE ARMY SURGICAL HOSPITAL.

AT THE 121ST HE INDIVIDUALLY MET ABOUT 300 HOSPITALIZED MEN; AT THE 48TH, 180 MORE. TO EACH HE GAVE CIGARETTES AND CARDS INSCRIBED "IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE OF CHRISTMAS SHARED TOGETHER IN KOREA."

AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN PATIENTS WERE SOME MEN FROM OTHER NATIONS FIGHTING IN KOREA--GREEK SOLDIER BASIL VERTOUPOULIS, LT.HUBERT HEUSERS OF BRUSSELS, AND MEN FROM THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, PUERTO RICO AND TURKEY.

ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS PVT.ROY W.GRIFFITH, 7247 STONEY ISLAND, CHICAGO. THE CARDINAL SIGNED AN AUTOGRAPH FOR ANOTHER CHICAGOAN, PTV.ROBERT MATHIS, 6431 SOUTH RICHMOND ST.

ACCOMPANYING THE CARDINAL ON HIS VISIT TO THEWARDS OF THE 121ST WERE COL.W.L.SPAULDING, TACOMA, WASH., HOSPITAL COMMANDER; MAJ.D.. OLSON, WATAGA, ILL., CHIEF NURSE, AND FATHER (CAPT.) MARTIN SCHMIDT, BALTIMORE, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT THE HOSPITAL.

AT THE 48TH, A FELLOW NEW YORKER ACCOMPANIED THE CARDINAL. HE WAS THE HOSPITAL COMMANDER, LT.COL.E.R.MARSHALL.

MAJ.GRACE EDDINS, MURFREESBORO, TENN., CHIEF NURSE FOR THE 48TH, SAID SEVERAL OF THE 180 MEN THE CARDINAL CHATTED WITH THERE HAD KOREAN HEMORRHAGIC FEVER.

TONIGHT CARDINAL SPELLMAN WAS THE DINNER GUEST OF GEN.TAYLOR.

TOMORROW HE CELEBRATES AN EARLY MORNING MASS AT 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS HERE BEFORE BEGINNING A JAM-PACKED SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO UNITS ACROSS THE ARMISTICE-QUIETED BATTLEFRONT WHICH HE VISITED IN WAR LAST CHRISTMAS AND THE CHRISTMAS BEFORE.

THIS YEAR HE WILL CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS AT THE U.S. NINTH CORPS CHAPEL AND THEN HEAD FOR THE U.S. 3RD DIVISION FOR AN EARLY CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS, THE FIRST OF THREE HE WILL SAY THAT DAY.

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SEOUL, DEC. 23 (AP)-"NO OTHER NATION IN THE WORLD IS SO DESERVING OF BLESSINGS FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE" AS AMERICA, SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE SAID TODAY IN A CHRISTMAS GREETING TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THANKING AMERICANS FOR THE AID THEIR NATION GAVE THIS TINY WAR-TORN COUNTRY SINCE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNISTS INVADED IT JUNE 25, 1950, THE SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SAID:

"STANDING BESIDE US HERE IN KOREA ARE THOUSANDS OF YOUR SONS. YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE ALSO HELPING US, IN HOSPITALS AND THE GREAT WORK OF THE RED CROSS. THEY ARE FAR FROM HOME, AND THEY MISS THEIR LOVED ONES TERRIBLY. WE CAN DO ONLY A LITTLE TO MAKE UP FOR THE LONESOMENESS OF SEPARATION--BUT THAT LITTLE WE ARE DOING.

"EVERY AMERICAN KNOWS THAT HE IS WELCOME IN KOREA."

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NIGHT LEAD BURGESS (600)

BY JACK SMITH

LONDON, DEC.23 (AP)-MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMAT GUY BURGESS BROKE A 2 1/2-YEAR SILENCE TO SEND HIS MOTHER GREETINGS TODAY, BUT LEFT HIS WHEREABOUTS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

AN INTIMATE LETTER IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE 42-YEAR-OLD LEFTWINGER, WHO DISAPPEARED WITH FELLOW DIPLOMAT DONALD MACLEAN, REACHED THE PICCADILLY APARTMENT OF HIS MOTHER IN A PILE OF CHRISTMAS MAIL.

"I IMAGINE THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN WHEREVER HE IS--GOD KNOWS WHERE THAT IS, WE DON'T--AND SOME CARRIER HAS BROUGHT IT TO LONDON ON HIS BEHALF," BURGESS' STEPFATHER, LT.COL.J.R.BASSETT, TOLD REPORTERS.

BURGESS AND MACLEAN, WHO IS NOW 40, VANISHED FROM LONDON MAY 25, 1951, AMID SPECULATION THEY HAD FLED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. BOTH WERE VETERANS OF DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS IN WASHINGTON. BOTH HAD LEFTIST BACKGROUNDS.

MACLEAN'S AMERICAN WIFE, THE FORMER MELINDA MARLING OF CHICAGO AND NEW YORK, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN DISAPPEARED LAST SEPTEMBER FROM THEIR NEW HOME IN SWITZERLAND AND OFFICIALS GENERALLY ASSUMED THEY HAD CROSSED INTO THE COMMUNIST SPHERE TO REJOIN HIM.

BURGESS WAS NOT MARRIED.

BURGESS' LETTER WAS DATED SIMPLY "NOVEMBER," BUT IT WAS MAILED DEC.21 AT A MAILBOX IN THE GRIMY LONDON DOCKYARDS AREA NEAR THE WATERLOO PASSENGER AIR TERMINAL.

ANY AIRLINE TRAVELER OR ANYONE DEBARKING FROM ANY OF THREE CARGO SHIPS WHICH DOCKED NEARBY THAT DAY FROM RUSSIAN AND POLISH PORTS COULD HAVE DROPPED IT IN THE BOX.

"IT IS A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT," BURGESS' WHITE-HAIRED MOTHER SAID. "THIS IS THE FIRST REAL SIGN WE HAVE HAD THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE."

A FRIEND TOLD NEWSMEN THE LETTER CONTAINED ONLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES TO MRS.BASSETT AND "SOME OTHER FRIENDS."

"MRS.BASSETT WAS NATURALLY DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE IT--WHAT MOTHER WOULDN'T BE?" THE FRIEND SAID.

"THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO NEWS OF ANY SORT IN THE LETTER EXCEPT THAT HE IS SAFE AND WELL," COL.BASSETT SAID. "THE LETTER IS HERE AT HOME AND I AM NOT GOING TO GIVE IT TO ANYBODY."

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THE FOREIGN OFFICE COMMENTED:
"IT WAS A PERSONAL MESSAGE AND DID NOT CONTAIN ANY EXCITING CLUES."
THE ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE WAS TYPEWRITTENWM THE LETTER BORE AN ENGLISH STAMP AND WAS WRITTEN ON ENGLISH NOTE PAPER.
ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS PRIVATELY MINIMIZED THE POSSIBILITY, THE LONDON EVENING NEWS SUGGESTED "BURGESS MAY EVEN BE IN ENGLAND."
"THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF THAT," COL.BASSETT SAID.
MACLEAN'S MOTHER, LADY MACLEAN, WIDOW OF ENGLISH LIBERAL PARTY LEADER SIR DONALD MACLEAN, TOLD REPORTERS:
"THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR MRS.BASSETT. AS FOR MY SON, I HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM HIM SINCE HE DISAPPEARED.
"I DID EXPECT SOMETHING IN THE NATURE OF A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM HIM, BUT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING."
NEITHER FAMILY HAS HAD WORD FROM THE MISSING DIPLOMATS SINCE A DAY OR TWO AFTER THEY VANISHED, WHEN TELEGRAMS WERE RECEIVED OVER THEIR NAMES FROM PARIS.
MACLEAN MESSAGED HIS WIFE "HAD TO LEAVE UNEXPECTEDLY." HIS CABLE TO HIS MOTHER ASKED HER NOT TO WORRY. THE TEXT OF BURGESS' TELEGRAM TO HIS MOTHER WAS NOT DISCLOSED.
THEIR DISAPPEARANCE TOUCHED OFF ONE OF THE GREATEST MANHUNTS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY. THOUSANDS OF POLICEMEN AND SECRET AGENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRON CURTAIN SEARCHED FOR MONTHS. THEY ARE STILL ON THE ALERT BUT THE TRAIL IS COLD.
POLICE SAID THEY WERE LAST SEEN BOARDING A TRAIN FOR PARIS IN THE FRENCH TOWN OF RENNES AFTER A SECRET CROSSING OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL IN THE STAMER FALAISE.
MACLEAN WAS HEAD OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHEN HE VANISHED. BURGESS HAD JUST FINISHED AN ASSIGNMENT AS A SECRETARY IN THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND WAS HERE AWAITING A NEW JOB.
VARIOUS PUBLISHED REPORTS HAVE PLACED THE PAIR IN MOSCOW, WARSAW AND PRAGUE. THE KREMLIN, HOWEVER, HAS DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH THE CASE.
WHEN THEY VANISHED DEAN ACHESON, THEN U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, SAID IT WOULD BE "A VERY DANGEROUS MATTER" IF THEY HAD DECAMPED TO THE EAST WITH STATE SECRETS.
THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, SAID ANY INFORMATION THEY HAD WOULD BE USELESS TO THE SOVIET UNION OR ITS SATELLITES.
NEVERTHELESS EACH HAD BEEN IN A POSITION TO KNOW VIRTUALLY ALL THE FACETS AND NUANCES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICIES AND RELATIONSHIPS. EITHER COULD HAVE BEEN VALUABLE AS AN ADVISOR IN THE PROPAGANDA COLD WAR.
BURGESS AND MACLEAN VANISHED AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCES OF BRUNO PONTECORVO, ITALIAN-BORN BRITISH NUCLEAR PHYSICIST, AND HUNGARIAN-BORN LAJOS JANOSSY, BRITISH-TRAINED COSMIC RAY EXPERT. EARLIER BRITAIN HAD JAILED TWO ATOM SCIENTISTS, DR.KLAUS FUCHS AND DR.ALAN NUNN-MAY, FOR PASSING ATOM SECRETS TO THE RUSSIANS.
JM355PES

A165
FIRST LEAD MALIK
LONDON, DEC. 23 (AP)-SOVIET AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK WAS THE LUNCHEON GUEST TODAY OF PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL AT HIS OFFICIAL COUNTRY RESIDENCE, 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF LONDON.
THE SOVIET ENVOY MOTORED TO CHEQUERS, CHURCHILL'S HOME, AFTER CALLING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND CONFERRING FOR 20 MINUTES WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN.
A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID MALIK WAS MAKING HIS FIRST "COURTESY CALL" ON EDEN SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT LAST MAY AS AMBASSADOR HERE.
MALIK RETURNED HERE A WEEK AGO FROM NEW YORK WHERE HE ATTENDED THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEFORE THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE EDEN BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S ILLNESS.

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THERE WAS IMMEDIATE SPECULATION THAT MALIK MAY HAVE DISCUSSED WITH EDEN THE RUSSIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WESTERN INVITATION FOR A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN WEST BERLIN ON JAN. 4. A RUSSIAN REPLY IS EXPECTED HERE SOON.
INFORMED SOURCES SAID MALIK MAY SOON BE RETURNING TO MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS.
RJ907AES

A162 (120)
PARIS, DEC. 23 (AP)-OFFICIAL POLISH SOURCES HERE INDICATED TODAY THAT TWO FRENCHMEN IMPRISONED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES IN POLAND SINCE 1950 MAY SOON BE FREED.
THEY ARE ANDRE ROBINEAU, ATTACHE OF THE FRENCH CONSULATE IN STETTIN, AND GASTON DURET, A RADIO MECHANIC LIVING IN POLAND. ROBINEAU WAS SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS AND DRUET TO 10.
THE TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY, 1950. ROBINEAU WAS SEIZED AT THE WARSAW AIRPORT AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE.
THEY WERE TRIED WITH SIX POLES ON CHARGES OF BELONGING TO A SPY RING WORKING FOR FRANCE. ALL PLEADED GUILTY BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL OF STETTIN.
RELEASE OF THE FRENCHMEN IS BELIEVED PART OF THE NEW PROGRAM OF FRANCO-POLISH RAPPROCHEMENT BEGUN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
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B30 Q
(230)
BERN, SWITZERLAND, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE SWISS GOVERNMENT DECIDED TODAY TO REFUSE ANY INVITATION TO A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE.
U.N. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR H. DEAN SUGGESTED TO THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS AT PANMUNJOM DEC. 8 THAT SOME OR ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NEUTRAL ARMISTICE COMMISSIONS IN KOREA SHOULD BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE. THE FIVE COUNTRIES CONCERNED ARE SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, INDIA, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
THE SWISS CABINET, MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY AFTER ITS CONFIRMATION IN OFFICE BY THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, DECIDED TO ADOPT A "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARDS DEAN'S PROPOSAL, A COMMUNIQUE SAID.
"IN VIEW OF THE RESERVE IMPOSED ON OUR COUNTRY BY ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY," THE COMMUNIQUE SAID, "IT WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE FOR US TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE (KOREAN) POLITICAL CONFERENCE."
"THIS ATTITUDE APPEARS ALL THE MORE JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PRESENCE OF A SWISS OBSERVER COULD HARDLY INFLUENCE THE PROGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OR INCREASE ITS CHANCES OF SUCCESS."
SEVERAL SWISS NEWSPAPERS HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY SWISS PARTICIPATION IN THE KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE. THEY POINTED OUT THAT SWITZERLAND HAS ONLY TAKEN PART IN THREE PEACE CONFERENCES IN ITS HISTORY: THE PEACE OF WESTPHALIA IN 1648, THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA IN 1815, AND A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE VERSAILLES PEACE CONFERENCE IN 1919. IN EACH CASE, SWISS NATIONAL INTERESTS WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED.
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A173 (150)
VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC.23 (AP)-THE BIG FOUR ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL FOR AUSTRIA TODAY AGREED TO RELAX RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR WESTERN TOURISTS TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE RUSSIAN ZONE TO VIENNA.
THERE ARE TWO ROUTES INTO VIENNA FOR AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH

NATIONALS. HITHERTO, AMERICANS AND FRENCH HAVE BEEN LARGELY RESTRICTED TO THE SO-CALLED "ENNS RIVER CORRIDOR" BETWEEN LINZ AND VIENNA. THE BRITISH HAVE HAD TO TRAVEL THROUGH A CORRIDOR OVER THE SEMMERING PASS, SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL.

SINCE 1945, THE RUSSIANS HAVE INSISTED THAT EXCEPTIONS COULD BE MADE TO THIS RULE ONLY IF THEY SIGNED "GREY CARDS," WHICH ALL BUT A FEW AMERICANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH NEED TO CROSS THE SOVIET ZONE. TODAY, THEY AGREED TO DROP THAT RULE AND ALLOW THE THREE WESTERN OCCUPATION POWERS TO ISSUE "GREY PASSES" FOR EITHER ROUTE WITHOUT SOVIET SIGNATURE.

THE REGULATIONS STILL PROHIBIT ALL BUT A FEW HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED HIGH COMMISSIONS FROM STOPPING IN THE SOVIET ZONE.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 23 (AP)-WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN VIENNA SAID TODAY A NEW WAVE OF JEWISH PERSECUTIONS APPARENTLY AIMED AT CRUSHING ALL OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM IS SWEEPING THE SOVIET UNION'S EUROPEAN SATELLITES.

THEIR ASSESSMENT FOLLOWED AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRIA (UJCA) LAST NIGHT THAT IT HAD PROTESTED TO COMMUNIST-RULED HUNGARY AGAINST A SECRET TRIAL OF THREE HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADERS REPORTED UNDERWAY IN BUDAPEST.

REPORTS RECEIVED IN VIENNA LAST WEEK SAID THAT THREE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS ALREADY HAVE BEEN TRIED AND SENTENCED IN HUNGARY. JEWISH FIGURES IN ROMANIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTED EITHER TRIED AND JAILED OR AWAITING TRIAL.

THE UJCA PROTEST WAS MADE IN A COMMUNICATION TO LENARD SZERI, HUNGARIAN MINISTER IN VIENNA. IT DEMANDED THAT THE RED HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FREE THE THREE MEN, IDENTIFIED AS:

DR. BELA DENES, FORMER HEAD OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN HUNGARY; HENRIK GALOS, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN BUDAPEST, AND ABRAHAM KORNITZER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARIAN ORTHODOX JEWS.

ALL REPORTEDLY WERE CHARGED WITH COMMITTING "CRIMES OF ZIONIST ACTIVITY AND HAVING CONTACTS WITH ZIONISTS ABROAD."

THE PROTEST DECLARED THE TRIO'S ACTIVITIES "IN THE INTERESTS OF JEWS -- NOW CONSIDERED A CRIME BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, WAS ABSOLUTELY LEGAL" AT THE TIME THEY WERE ARRESTED.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE SARSAW RADIO SAID TODAY THAT THE POLES MUST MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO LEARN RUSSIAN.

A BROADCAST FROM THE POLISH CAPITAL SAID MORE THAN 8,000 COURSES IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE COUNTRY. BUT THE BROADCAST SAID THAT THE "CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE TEACHING OF RUSSIAN" FELT THAT MANY MORE CLASSES MUST BE STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

RUSSIAN HAS BEEN THE SECOND LANGUAGE IN POLISH SCHOOLS SINCE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER POWER. PREVIOUSLY IT WAS GERMAN.

(IN ABOVE AT BEGINNING READ THE WARSAW RADIO ETC)

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AMS BUDGET (560)

NIGHT LEAD NEHRU

BY HAROLD K.MILKS

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC.23 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER NEHRU DECLARED TODAY ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN ARMS AID WOULD WEAKEN PAKISTAN IN "THE SPIRIT OF MAN" AND THREATEN ASIAN PEACE. HE TOLD INDIA'S PARLIAMENT THE TALK OF SUCH AID REMINDED HIM OF CREEPING COLONIALISM OF THE PAST.

COMMUNIST HIREN MUKHERJEE, FOLLOWING NEHRU IN A FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE, DENOUNCED WHAT HE CALLED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND EXPANSIONISM." HE CHARGED THE UNITED STATES IS THE "WORLD'S ENEMY NO.1."

BUT NEHRU'S SISTER, MRS.VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TOOK ISSUE WITH THE ANTI-AMERICAN UTTERANCES. SHE SAID INDIANS "SHOULD NOT DEVELOP A FEAR PSYCHOSIS" OVER THE U.S.-PAKISTANI SITUATION.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY THREAT FROM AMERICA," SHE SAID. AS FOR THE CHARGE IF IMPERIALISM, SHE TOLD PARLIAMENT "LET ME TELL YOU IN ALL HONESTY I AM NOT PREPARED TO BELIEVE IT."

NEHRU, WITH A RED ROSE PINNED TO HIS TUNIC, SPOKE BEFORE A CROWDED HOUSE STIRRED BY TALK OF THE POSSIBLE ARMS DEAL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA'S MOSLEM NEIGHBOR. SPECIAL POLICE GUARDS WERE MASSED OUTSIDE TO CONTROL UNPRECEDENTED CROWDS.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR M.A.MENSHIKOV HAD A PLACE OF HONOR IN THE PRESIDENTIAL BOX. U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE V.ALLEN SAT WITH OTHER ENVOYS IN THE DIPLOMATIC SECTION.

MEMBERS RODE TO THE SESSION THROUGH STREETS DECORATED WITH POSTERS SCREAMING "YANKS--LEAVE ASIA!" THEY ADVERTISED COMMUNIST-SPONSORED PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST THE ARMS DEAL WHICH U.S. AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TALKING OVER INFORMALLY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

NEHRU HIMSELF HAS ORDERED HIS CONGRESS PARTY TO "MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION" AGAINST SUCH A TREATY.

NEHRU TOLD PARLIAMENT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO BUILD UP AN AREA IN ASIA WHERE "WAR, IF WAR SHOULD BREAK, WOULD NOT COME."

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"IF IT IS SO THAT MILITARY AID COMES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO PAKISTAN, OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A BREACH IN THAT PEACE AREA," HE SAID. "IF YOU TALK OF SECURITY IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SEEMS YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE PICTURE FROM THE WRONG END COMPLETELY."

NEHRU DISCLOSED THAT CEYLON'S PRIME MINISTER SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA HAD PROPOSED THAT THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS "MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN." HE SAID HE HAD REPLIED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME SUCH MEETINGS.

INDIAN FEELINGS ARE EXPECIALLY TENSE BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN WAGING HOT AND COLD WARS WITH PAKISTAN SINCE 1947 OVER CONTROL OF THE BORDER STATE OF KASHMIR. INDIANS FEAR AMERICAN AID WOULD GIVE PAKISTAN AN ADVANTAGE.

NEHRU ARNED THAT COMPLETION OF AN ARMS PACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN COULD TORPEDO AN INDIAN-PAKISTANI DEAL NOW SIMMERING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KASHMIR QUESTION BY MEANS OF A PLEBISCITE.

FIRST REPORTS OF THE PROJECTED PACT SPOKE OF PAKISTAN GIVING BASES TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WAS OFFICIALLY DENIED IN WASHINGTON AND KARACHI. LATER IT WAS REPORTED THAT A CERTAIN REEQUIPMENT OF PAKISTANI FORCES WITH AMERICAN MATERIEL WAS ALL THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED.

NEHRU TOLD PARLIAMENT HE BELIEVED PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMED ALI'S DENIAL THAT PAKISTAN WOULD GRANT BASES.

"BUT WHEN MILITARY AID COMES IN, THE WHOLE COUNTRY BECOMES A BASE," HE SAID.

NEHRU TOLD HIS WIDLY APPLAUDING AUDIENCE IT WAS NOT THE AMOUNT OF U.S. MILITARY AID THAT MATTERED, BUT THE FACT THAT PAKISTAN WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY AT ALL.

"WE IN INDIA WANT NO PROTECTION FROM OTHERS," HE SAID. "WE WANT NO PEOPLE TO PROTECT US WITH THEIR ARMIES, NAVIES, AIR FORCES. WE WANT ONLY FRIENDSHIP."

NEHRU ALSO TOOK ANOTHER SLAP AT THE UNITED STATES IN THE COURSE OF HIS 90-MINUTE SPEECH.

HE SAID THE U.N. COMMAND IN KOREA--WHICH IS UNDER THE UNITED

STATES--WAS "TOO RIGID" IN INSISTING THAT UNREPATRIATED PRISONERS B' UNCONDITIONALLY FREED JAN.22, AS PROVIDED IN THE ORIGINAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS.

HE REPEATED EARLIER SUGGESTIONS THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION MIGHT HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP AGAIN BY THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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A183 (140)

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 23 (AP)-MRS. VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SAID IN PARLIAMENT TODAY A COMMUNIST DEPUTY WAS WRONG IN IMPLYING THERE WERE HIDDEN MOTIVES BEHIND RECENT AMERICAN PRAISE FOR THE INDIAN TROOPS GUARDING PRISONERS IN KOREA.

MRS. PANDIT RECENTLY RETURNED FROM NEW YORK WHERE THE U.N. ASSEMBLY WENT INTO INDEFINITE RECESS SUBJECT TO RECALL IF THE MAJORITY OF THE 60 MEMBER NATIONS WISH TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN SITUATION THERE. SHE IS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

REPLYING TO RED DEPUTY LEADER HIREN MUKHERJEE, MRS. PANDIT SAID: "IT IS WRONG TO IMPLY MOTIVES TO THE AMERICANS WHEN THEY PRAISE OUR TROOPS IN KOREA."

SHE GAVE THIS COMMENTARY ON AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION:

"ANYBODY WHO HAS LIVED IN AMERICA KNOWS THAT THE AMERICAN TEMPERAME IS MERCURIAL--IT GOES UP AND DOWN IN SUCH A STARTLING FASHION THAT THO OF US WHO COME FROM THE SLOWER TEMPO OF THE EAST FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IT, AND SOMETIMES WE ARE LEFT WONDERING HOW A SITUATION CHANGES SO QUICKLY."

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B24 (SEG) (200)

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 23 (AP)-FRENCH TROOPS IN INDOCHINA LOOKED FORWARD TODAY TO CHRISTMAS CHAMPAGNE--ABOUT A GLASS APIECE. THEY ALSO HOPED FOR A QUIET YULETIDE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH.

THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE BOTTLE OF THE BUBBLY WINE IS BEING DISTRIBUTED FOR EVERY FOUR EUROPEAN SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD. THE MEN ALSO WILL RECEIVE EXTRA ALLOTMENTS OF CIGARS, CIGARETTES, CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE. SPECIAL MENUS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR THE HOLIDAY FARE.

NORTH AFRICAN AND INDOCHINESE TROOPS FIGHTING WITH THE FRENCH ALSO WILL RECEIVE EXTRA RATIONS OF SYRUPS, COFFEE, CHEESE, CHOCOLATE, RICE AND CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.

HOPES FOR A "QUIET" CHRISTMAS SEASON ROSE AS THE VIETMINH'S CRACK DIVISION NO. 316 SHOWED NO SIGNS OF ATTACKING FRENCH UNION TROOPS DUG IN ON THE PLAIN OF DIEN BIEN PHU, 180 MILES WEST OF HANOI.

THE DIVISION HAS BEEN POISED FOR ASSAULT ON THE REINFORCED DEFENDERS OF THE TOWN FOR THREE WEEKS. MOST OF ITS STRIKING FORCE IS CENTERED LESS THAN 12 MILES NORTHEAST OF DIEN BIEN PHU.

ELSEWHERE IN NORTHERN INDOCHINA, THERE APPEARED NO SIGNS OF ANY IMMINENT MAJOR REBEL ATTACK. THE VIETMINH HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON HIT AND RUN RAIDS ON FRENCH UNION POSITIONS INSIDE THE RED RIVER DELTA.

A FRENCH SPOKESMAN REPORTED 50 REBELS WERE KILLED AND 109 CAPTURED IN CONTINUING MOPUPS WITHIN THE DELTA AREA. THIS INCLUDED 38 KILLED AND 15 CAPTURED IN THE THAI BINH SECTOR, 55 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI, WHERE FRENCH UNION FORCES SCREENING 500 VILLAGES ARE ALSO DESTROYING VIETMINH ARMS CACHES AND RICE SUPPLIES.

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B83 (Q)

RANGOON, BURMA, DEC.23 (AP)-THE BURMESE ARMY AT MOULMEIN, 169 MILES SOUTH OF RANGOON, HAS TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST KAREN REBELS IN THE THATON DISTRICT IN BURMA'S RICH MINING AND RUBBER GROWING COASTAL AREA, REPORTS REACHING HERE TODAY SAID.

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THE ARMY IS DRIVING TO CLEAR THE AREA BETWEEN THE RAILROAD LINE AND THE SALWEEN RIVER WHERE REBEL CONCENTRATIONS ARE HEAVIEST.

THE REBEL CAMPAIGN IN THE SECTOR HAS CHIEFLY TAKEN THE FORM OF ATTACKING AND PILLAGING MAJOR TOWNS, ARSON AND SABOTAGE OF RAILROAD AND TELEPHONE LINES. RAIL TRAFFIC BETWEEN MOULMEIN AND RANGOON HAS BEEN AT A STANDSTILL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER.

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JERUSALEM, DEC. 23 (AP)-JORDAN ACCUSED ISRAEL AT A MEETING TODAY OF THE U.N. MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION OF WAGING "GUERRILLA WARFARE" ALONG THE BORDER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE SENIOR JORDAN DELEGATE SAID ISRAELIS KILLED THREE ARABS AND WOUNDED TWO OTHERS IN AN ATTACK ON THREE VILLAGES IN THE HEBRON DISTRICT IN JORDAN TERRITORY ON MONDAY NIGHT. AN ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT ANY OF HIS COUNTRY'S MILITARY FORCES TOOK PART. JORDAN CLAIMED THE ATTACK WAS BY ISRAELI "NON-REGULARS."

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TEHRAN, IRAN, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION AND IRAN HAVE AGREED ON AN AGENDA FOR FRESH TALKS AIMED AT THE SETTLEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND BORDER DISPUTES BETWEEN THEM. A PREVIOUS TRY WAS BROKEN OFF LAST AUGUST ON THE OVERTHROW OF PREMIER MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH'S GOVERNMENT.

THE AGENDA WAS ARRANGED YESTERDAY AT A MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH ENTEZAM AND SOVIET EMBASSADOR ANATOLY LAVRENTIEV.

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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 10:30 P.M. EST TONIGHT DEC. 23

NIXON

BY ED CREAGH

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-VICE PRESIDENT NIXON, JUST BACK FROM THE FAR EAST, CAME VIGOROUSLY TO THE DEFENSE TONIGHT OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ARTHUR DEAN'S REFUSAL TO AGREE TO A KOREAN POLITICAL CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON THEIR TERMS.

"WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE TIME IS PAST WHEN WE SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNISTS AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE BY SURRENDERING TO THEM," NIXON SAID. "WE ARE PAYING THE PRICE FOR THAT KIND OF DIPLOMACY NOW."

NIXON'S REPORT ON HIS 45,000-MILE TOUR WAS BROADCAST AND TELEVISED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S 75-YEAR OLD FATHER LAY SERIOUSLY ILL IN A PHOENIX, ARIZ., HOSPITAL. NIXON DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SCHEDULED BROADCAST AFTER TALKING BY TELEPHONE WITH HIS FATHER'S DOCTOR.

NIXON SAID HE HAD NOTED "CRITICISM OF MR.DEAN FOR HIS FAILURE TO AGREE TO A POLITICAL CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMUNISTS."

HE DECLARED:

"THE COMMUNISTS KNOW THAT THEY CAN HAVE A POLITICAL CONFERENCE IN KOREA ON REASONABLE TERMS ANY TIME THEY ARE WILLING TO AGREE. BUT MR.DEAN WOULD HAVE DONE A DISSERVICE TO THE THOUSANDS OF MEN WHO DIED IN KOREA HAD HE SACRIFICED THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

"I THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OWE HIM A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS STOOD UP AND FINALLY CALLED THE COMMUNISTS ON THEIR TACTICS OF VILIFICATION AND DELAY."

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NIXON WARNED AMERICANS THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS IN THE FAR EAST WHO HONESTLY BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES "IS JUST AS GREAT A THREAT TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD" AS ARE THE RUSSIANS OR THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

"FORTUNATELY," HE SAID, "UNDER THE PRESIDENT (EISENHOWER) WE ARE FINALLY GETTING THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP WHICH IS BRINGING TO THE WORLD THE TRUE PICTURE OF AMERICAN POLICY."

NIXON SAID THAT IN HIS MAJOR SPEECHES, INCLUDING THE RECENT ONE IN WHICH HE INVITED THE RUSSIANS TO JOIN A PEACETIME SHARE-THE-ATOM POOL, EISENHOWER "HAS TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN THE DRIVE FOR PEACE, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THE COMMUNISTS ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE ALL OVER THE WORLD."

THEN NIXON SPOKE OUT SHARPLY ON THE SUBJECT OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

"EVERY ACT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OR PREJUDICE IN THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID, "HURTS AMERICA AS MUCH AS AN ESPIONAGE AGENT WHO TURNS OVER A WEAPON TO A FOREIGN ENEMY."

NIXON SAID THE FREE WORLD EVENTUALLY WILL BE FORCED TO ITS KNEES IF THE COMMUNISTS SUCCEED IN GAINING A STRONGER FOOTHOLD AMONG THE 600 MILLION HUMAN BEINGS NOT YET COMMITTED IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, THIS COUNTRY IS SPENDING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HELP FIGHT THE WAR IN INDOCHINA BECAUSE IF THAT COUNTRY GOES UNDER COMMUNIST DOMINATION "THE WHOLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL BE THREATENED AND THAT MEANS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SECURITY OF JAPAN WILL INEVITABLY BE ENDANGERED ALSO."

THROUGHOUT ASIA, THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID, THE GREATEST THREAT TO INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLE IS NO LONGER ARMED AGGRESSION FROM OUTSIDE BUT INTERNAL SUBVERSION AND REVOLUTION.

"THAT IS WHY KOREA WAS SO IMPORTANT," HE SAID, "WHEN THE COMMUNISTS FAILED TO EXTEND THEIR EMPIRE BY OVERT AGGRESSION IN KOREA THEY LOST THEIR CHANCE TO EXTEND THEIR CONTROL OVER THE OTHER NATIONS OF ASIA . . .

"IF THEY HAD NOT BEEN STOPPED IN KOREA THE RISK OF THEIR MOVING SOMEWHERE ELSE IN ASIA OR IN EUROPE WOULD HAVE BEEN INCREASED IMMEASURABLY."

NIXON DECLARED HE HAS FAITH ASIA WILL REJECT COMMUNISM "BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH IN THE FUNDAMENTAL GOOD SENSE OF THE PEOPLE."

THE PROBLEM FACING THIS COUNTRY AND ITS ALLIES, HE SAID, IS IN GETTING THEIR MESSAGE OF FREEDOM ACROSS TO THE ASIAN MILLIONS. BUT HE SAID THAT IN SPITE OF INCESSANT COMMUNIST AGITATION HE FOUND "A GREAT WELL OF FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICA" IN THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED.

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ATOMIC

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY WILL SEND RUSSIA A NEW NOTE SOON WELCOMING ITS AVOWED AGREEMENT TO ATOMIC TALKS AND SUGGESTING WAYS TO GET THEM STARTED.

TOP OFFICIALS, WHO ARE STILL GOING OVER MOSCOW'S MONDAY MESSAGE WITH A MAGNIFYING GLASS, HAVE YET TO DECIDE PRECISELY HOW THIS COUNTRY SHOULD PROCEED. SOME AUTHORITIES BELIEVE AN EXCHANGE THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

HOWEVER, SUCH PLANNING IS GOING FORWARD IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC) ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SECRET TALKS AMONG THE WORLD ATOMIC POWERS WILL OPEN UP UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION IN LATE JANUARY -- ABOUT A MONTH AWAY.

A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH COULD BE CARRIED ON BY AMBASSADORS, OR PERHAPS BY SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AND FOREIGN MINISTER MOLOTOV AT THE PROJECTED BERLIN CONFERENCE, MIGHT SERVE TO CLEAR THE AIR OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS IF ANY EXIST, OFFICIALS SAID.

THE RUSSIAN NOTE CONDITIONALLY AGREEING TO TALKS SAID PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY POOL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES NEEDED CLARIFICATION -- APPARENTLY ON THE POINT OF WHAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD DO ABOUT WEAPONS CONTROL.

DULLES SAID YESTERDAY THE WORLD MIGHT SEE A "RECESSION OF THE HORROR OF ATOMIC WARFARE" IN 1954 AS A RESULT OF AMERICA'S INITIATIVE IN REVIVING ATOMIC TALKS AND RUSSIAN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE.

AUTHORITIES SAID TWO MAJOR MOVES MUST NOW BE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL:

1. THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC AGENCY WHICH EISENHOWER PROPOSED IN A U.N. SPEECH DEC. 8 MUST BE BLUEPRINTED SO THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ABLE TO SPELL OUT PRECISELY WHAT KIND OF OPERATION IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE, WITH WHAT KIND OF MANAGEMENT, AND WITH WHAT SAFEGUARDS AGAINST USE FOR WAR OF ANY ATOMIC MATERIALS CONTRIBUTED FOR PEACEFUL USES.

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2. AN ANSWER MUST BE WORKED OUT TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MODIFIED SOVIET PROPOSAL WHICH PROBABLY REPRESENTS THE KREMLIN'S "NEW APPROACH" TO THE PROBLEM OF ATOMIC CONTROL. MOSCOW'S NOTE SERVED NOTICE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD PROPOSE IN ANY TALKS HELD THAT ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS PLEDGE THEMSELVES NOT TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS.

UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS SAID THIS WAS A CHANGE FROM RUSSIA'S EARLIER INSISTENCE ON BARRING THE MANUFACTURE OR POSSESSION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AS A FIRST STEP IN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY. THIS COUNTRY HAS INSISTED THAT A RIGID INSPECTION SYSTEM BE SET UP FIRST.

THE SOVIET NOTE MADE CLEAR THAT THE KREMLIN WAS NOT GIVING UP ITS DEMAND FOR A COMPLETE BAN -- BUT THOUGHT THAT A PLEDGE AGAINST USE SOMETHING LIKE THE POISON GAS AGREEMENTS OF EARLIER YEARS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE.

WHILE DULLES DISCUSSED THE ATOMIC OUTLOOK BRIEFLY IN A SPEECH WITH SOME OPTIMISM, HOWEVER CAUTIOUS, EXPERTS SAID THE GULF BETWEEN THE BASIC POSITIONS OF RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES REMAINS AS WIDE AS EVER ON THE BASIS OF THE POSITIONS THEY HAVE AKEN IN THE COURSE OF THIS MONTH. THE REAL GAIN, ACCORDING TO THIS VIEW, LIES ONLY IN THE FACT THAT ACTIVE TALKS MAY SOON START UP AGAIN.

WHAT EISENHOWER SOUGHT TO DO WITH HIS PROPOSAL WAS TO SUGGEST A WAY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND SUCH OTHER NATIONS AS BRITAIN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND BELGIUM COULD WORK TOGETHER TO PRODUCE ATOMIC POWER FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES FOR MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. HE VOICED A HOPE THAT THIS EXPERIENCE WOULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO A SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS AND TO THE FOOLPROOF ELIMINATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

ON THE FACE OF IT, AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE OF A PLEDGE NOT TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS SEEMS AT THIS STAGE TO BE VIRTUALLY UNTHINKABLE. U.S. MILITARY PLANNING NOW REGARDS ATOMIC WEAPONS AS BEING CONVENTIONAL -- THAT IS, LIKE GUNPOWDER WEAPONS. THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THIS. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE HIT UPON A NEW DEVICE WHICH THEY HOPE WILL GIVE THEM A PROPAGANDA WEAPON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

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(300) LEAD IKE-EDC (ROUNDUP)

BY ROGER D. GREENE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TONIGHT THREW THE FULL WEIGHT OF HIS INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE INTO A FORCEFUL NEW PROD TO FRANCE TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR A COMMON EUROPEAN DEFENSE SETUP AS A VITAL STEP TOWARD PEACE.

ACTING SWIFTLY ON THE HEELS OF THE ELECTION OF A NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT, EISENHOWER SAID THROUGH A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT THAT FAILURE TO ESTABLISH THE LONG-PROJECTED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY (EDC) WOULD "CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES WITH THE NECESSITY OF REAPPRAISING ITS BASIC POLICIES AS REGARDS EUROPE."

THE PRESIDENT THUS GAVE POWERFUL RENEWED IMPETUS TO SECRETARY OF

STATE DULLES' RECENT WARNINGS THAT FRANCE, GERMANY AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE MUST ACT SOON TO GIRD FOR THEIR COMMON DEFENSE OR RISK WHAT DULLES TERMED AN "AGONIZING REAPPRAISAL" OF U.S.FOREIGN AID. DULLES HINTED YESTERDAY THAT AMERICAN TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM EUROPE'S FRONT LINE OF DEFENSE IN WEST GERMANY UNLESS EDC IS SET UP.

IT APPEARED OBVIOUS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WAITED UNTIL AFTER THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT FINALLY ELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AFTER A FULL WEEK OF WRANGLING AND AN UNPRECEDENTED 13 BALLOTS.

EISENHOWER HAD MET WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AT A SESSION STARTING AT 10 A.M.(EST), BUT THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER 5 P.M.

THIS WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE NEWS CAME THAT SEN. RENE COTY, A 71-YEAR-OLD DARK HORSE, HAD BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

COTY'S VIEWS ON THE HOTLY CONTROVERSIAL EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, THE AMERICAN-BACKED PROJECT FOR A SIX-NATION ARMY INCLUDING WEST GERMAN TROOPS, WERE DESCRIBED IN PARIS DISPATCHES AS BEING SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY. MANY WHO VOTED FOR COTY FELT HE WAS FOR EDC; OTHERS WERE SURE HE IS AGAINST IT.

AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HAD SAID EARLIER THAT THE FIGHT OVER THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY APPEARED SYMPTOMATIC OF DEEP POLITICAL RIFTS IN FRANCE WHICH MIGHT BE REFLECTED IN FURTHER PROLONGED WRANGLING OVER THE FORMATION OF A NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY.

LIKE DULLES, EISENHOWER DECLARED THAT EDC IS THE ONLY KEY TO ENDING THE "RECURRING STRIFE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY" WHICH HAS ERUPTED IN TWO WORLD WARS WITHIN THE LAST FOUR DECADES.

DULLES HAD TAKEN THE SAME LINE IN A SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB HERE YESTERDAY AND IN A TALK TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) MEETING AT PARIS A WEEK AGO.

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JUST BEFORE THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT, SEN.WILEY (R-WIS) EXPRESSED "FAITH" THAT FRANCE WILL RATIFY THE EDC TREATY. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE TREATY IS NOT RATIFIED "WE WILL HAVE TO THINK IN TERMS OF ALTERNATIVES."

WILEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHAT ALTERNATIVES HE HAD IN MIND.

"I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TALK ALTERNATIVES TO EDC UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN. I HAVE FAITH IT WILL NOT FALL (CQ)," HE SAID.

WILEY INDICATED CONGRESS WILL STUDY EDC DEVELOPMENTS CAREFULLY BEFORE SPELLING OUT DETAILS OF THE 1954 FOREIGN AID PROGRAM.

NATO AND EDC CAME UP AT THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HUMPHREY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON AND DIRECTOR HAROLD E.STASSEN OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION REPORTED ON NATO.

ALL FOUR ATTENDED THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING IN PARIS RECENTLY. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THEY DESCRIBED NATO AS FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY AND CONTINUING TO DEVELOP "THE STRENGTH AND COHESION NEEDED TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON A LONG-TERM COLLECTIVE BASIS."

THE STATEMENT ADDED:

"THE PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED CONCERNING THE PROSPECTS OF BRINGING INTO BEING THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, A MATTER WHICH HAS LONG BEEN OF DEEP CONCERN TO HIM. HE CONSIDERS THIS THE ONLY PRACTICAL PROPOSAL FOR ENDING PERMANENTLY THE RECURRENT STRIFE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY, PROVOKED TWICE IN OUR OWN GENERATION BY GERMAN MILITARISM, AND OF CREATING A SOLID CORE AT THE CENTER OF THE NATO STRUCTURE.

"THE PRESIDENT SHARES THE VIEW WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE COUNCIL BY SECRETARY DULLES, THAT FAILURE SOON TO CONSUMMATE THE EDC WOULD CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES WITH THE NECESSITY OF REAPPRAISING ITS BASIC POLICIES AS REGARDS EUROPE."

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IN AN ADDRESS YESTERDAY, DULLES SUGGESTED THE UNITED STATES MIGHT HAVE TO PULL ITS TROOPS OUT OF GERMANY--THE FRONT-LINE OF DEFENSE FOR EUROPE--UNLESS EDC WAS CREATED AND GERMAN STRENGTH BROUGHT INTO THE DEFENSE FORCES.

HIS ADDRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT WERE FURTHER PRODDING FOR EUROPE, AND FRANCE IN PARTICULAR, TO GET ON WITH EDC.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THAT EISENHOWER IS ENCOURAGED THAT THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, COMPRISED OF THE SIX NATIONS WHICH ARE PROSPECTIVE EDC MEMBERS, IS IN EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID, REAFFIRMS HIS HOPE THAT WAYS MAY BE FOUND FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE LOANS TO MODERNIZE AND DEVELOP NATURAL RESOURCES AMONG THE EDC NATIONS.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT: (ABOUT 200)

"AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT ON NATO MADE BY MR.DULLES, MR. HUMPHREY, MR.WILSON AND MR.STASSEN, WHO ATTENDED THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN PARIS. THEY REPORTED THAT NATO IS FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY, AND IS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP THE STRENGTH AND COHESION NEEDED TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON A LONG-TERM COLLECTIVE BASIS.

"THE PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED CONCERNING THE PROSPECTS OF BRINGING INTO BEING THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, A MATTER WHICH HAS LONG BEEN OF DEEP CONCERN TO HIM. HE CONSIDERS THIS THE ONLY PRACTICAL PROPOSAL FOR ENDING PERMANENTLY THE RECURRENT STRIFE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY, PROVOKED TWICE IN OUR OWN GENERATION BY GERMAN MILITARISM, AND OF CREATING A SOLID CORE AT THE CENTER OF THE NATO STRUCTURE.

"THE PRESIDENT SHARES THE VIEW WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE COUNCIL BY SECRETARY DULLES, THAT FAILURE SOON TO CONSUMMATE THE EDC WOULD CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES WITH THE NECESSITY OF REAPPRAISING ITS BASIC POLICIES AS REGARDS EUROPE.

"THE PRESIDENT ALSO WAS INFORMED OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS ALREADY BROUGHT TOGETHER, IN LIMITED UNITY, THE SIX NATIONS WHICH ARE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE AND POLITICAL COMMUNITIES.

"HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT THE COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY IS NOW IN EFFECTIVE OPERATION, AND REAFFIRMS HIS HOPE THAT WAYS MIGHT BE FOUND TO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST, ON A LOAN BASIS, IN MODERNIZING AND DEVELOPING THE NATURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COMMUNITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS LETTER OF JUNE 15 TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE."

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(220) COLLEGE EDITORS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY SEVEN COLLEGE EDITORS HAVE BEEN CLEARED FOR A VISIT TO RUSSIA AND WILL LEAVE NEW YORK BY AIR TOMORROW.

THEY WILL FLY FIRST TO PARIS AND THEN TO BERLIN. FROM BERLIN, THEY WILL GO TO MOSCOW BY SOVIET PLANE.

THE SEVEN INCLUDE DEAN SCHOELKOPF, SON OF HAROLD SCHOELKOPF, EDITOR OF THE ST.CLOUD, MINN., DAILY TIMES.

YOUNG SCHOELKOPF SAID AT MINNEAPOLIS EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE TRIP WAS DECIDED UPON LAST FALL AT A CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS. HE IS EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDENT DAILY. HE SAID AT THE TIME THAT THE GROUP INCLUDED NINE OTHER STUDENT EDITORS. HOWEVER, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN.

THESE OFFICIALS SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NO OBJECTION TO

ISSUING PASSPORTS IF THE STUDENTS WERE GRANTED RUSSIAN VISAS.
THEY SAID THE SEVEN HAD APPLIED FOR PASSPORTS ABOUT A MONTH AGO, AND, IN CALLING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY, SHOWED DEC. 19 TELEGRAMS FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE NOTIFYING THEM THAT THE VISAS WOULD BE GRANTED.

BESIDES SCHOELKOPF, THE COLLEGE EDITORS INCLUDE:

DAVE BARNEY, EDITOR OF THE REED QUEST, REED COLLEGE, PORTLAND, ORE.; CRAIG E.LOVITT, EDITOR OF THE KNOX STUDENT, KNOX COLLEGE, GALESBURG, ILL.; WILLIAM C.IVES, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE KNOX STUDENT; GREG SHUKER, EDITOR OF THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.; RICHARD ELDEN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN, AND RICHARD E.WARD, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MAROON.

OFFICIALS SAID THE STUDENTS REPORTED THEY EXPECT TO STAY IN RUSSIA NO LONGER THAN THREE WEEKS. HOWEVER, THEY SAID A FEW MIGHT RETURN BEFORE THAT BECAUSE OF SCHOOL COMMITMENTS.

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PRISON SERMON (750)

BY CHARLES A.WELSH

(ADVANCE)..PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 23-(AP)-SMUGGLED OUT OF THE DARK COLD OF A NORTH KOREAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP, THERE CAME TO LIGHT TODAY A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF HOPE AND FAITH THAT HELPED SUSTAIN A HANDFUL OF AMERICANS UNTIL FREEDOM CAME.

"WE IN THIS GROUP ARE MORE KEENLY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH THAN ORDINARY MEN--BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ALONE WITH HIM," THE SPEAKER SAID.

"LET US FORGET FOR TODAY OUR LONELINESS, THE ABSENCE OF THOSE DEAR TO US. AND LET'S SPEND THE DAY GLORIFYING GOD AND SINGING HIS PRAISES AND WE WILL HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS REMEMBERING AND ENJOYING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST WHO IS WITH US ALWAYS--EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."

THOSE WORDS BY 28-YEAR-OLD LT.ROBERT J.O'SHEA, USMC, ARE FROM A CHRISTMAS "SERMON" HE DELIVERED AT CAMP NO. 2, OBUL, NORTH KOREA, DEC. 25, 1952. THE TEXT OF THAT SERMON, AND SOME OF THE STORY OF HOW IT WAS COMPOSED AND DELIVERED IN SECRET, THEN PRESERVED AND SMUGGLED OUT, WERE GIVEN TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY O'SHEA'S FATHER-IN-LAW, JAMES H.ALLEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN.

O'SHEA AND MOST OF THE 60 TO 75 MEN WHO CLUSTERED AROUND HIM THAT DAY HAVE SINCE BEEN REPATRIATED. THIS YEAR HE PLANS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWIN SONS--BORN THREE WEEKS BEFORE HE WAS CAPTURED--AT THE HOME OF HIS PARENTS, BRIG.GEN. AND MRS.GEORGE J. O'SHEA OF FORT LAUDERDALE,FLA.

THIS IS THE STORY OF O'SHEA'S SERMON, AS RELATED BY ALLEN:

AMERICAN PRISONERS IN THE CAMP HAD ASKED PERMISSION TO HOLD AN INFORMAL SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. AT FIRST THE COMMUNISTS BALKED. FLATLY THEY REFUSED THE GROUP PERMISSION TO SING THE LATIN HYMNS "AVE MARIA" AND "ADESTE FIDELES," FEARING THE STRANGE WORDS MIGHT CONTAIN "PROPAGANDA."

FINALLY THE REDS ASSENTED AND O'SHEA, A CATHOLIC, WAS DESIGNATED TO DELIVER THE SERMON AS THE SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT. A MARINE CORPS FLIGHT OBSERVER, HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED AFTER A PLANE CRASH IN JULY, 1951.

HE WROTE WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY ON PRECIOUS SCRAPS OF PAPER SAVED TO ROLL INTO CIGARETS.

CHRISTMAS DAY THE MEN MET SECRETLY IN THE DESIGNATED HUT. FEARING A COMMUNIST INTERRUPTION, THEY GATHERED AN HOUR EARLIER THAN THE SCHEDULED TIME.

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SOFTLY THE LITTLE GROUP SANG A FEW HYMNS AND LISTENED TO O'SHEA. THEN THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR PLACES IN THE PRISON COMPOUND.

AFTERWARDS, SEVERAL ASKED PERMISSION TO COPY THE SERMON TEXT. "BOB TOLD ME THEY HAD TO DO IT SECRETLY AND QUICKLY," ALLEN SAID, "BEFORE THE REDS CAUGHT THEM OR HE SMOKED UP THE PAPER IN CIGARETS."

LT.CHARLES J.SMITH OF NEWARK,DEL., WAS ONE WHO COMPLETED HIS COPY. WHEN HE AND O'SHEA AND THE OTHERS WERE FREED LAST SUMMER AT PANMUNJOM SMITH SMUGGLED THE COPY PAST THE COMMUNIST SEARCHERS.

THIS IS WHAT HE HAD WRITTEN DOWN FROM LT.O'SHEA'S SERMON:

"TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY; THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

"TODAY, POSSIBLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR LIVES WE WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS PROPERLY--BECAUSE HERE, IN THIS NORTH KOREAN PRISON CAMP, APART FROM THE TINSEL AND COMMERCIALISM THAT WE USUALLY ASSOCIATE WITH CHRISTMAS WE CAN SEE THE TRUE MEANING, THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

"CHRISTMAS IS THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA. IT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA ON EARTH. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROMISE MADE TO MOSES BY GOD THE FATHER WHEN HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND HIS SON TO EARTH TO SAVE THE WORLD. AND CHRISTMAS IS THE LIVING PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF GOD AND OF THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

"I SAY THE 'LIVING PROOF' BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST IS LIVING. HE IS ALIVE TODAY, HE IS WITH US TODAY, HE IS WITH US RIGHT NOW.

"WE IN THIS GROUP ARE MORE KEENLY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH THAN ORDINARY MEN--BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ALONE WITH HIM. AT THE TIME OF OUR CAPTURE AND DURING THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO OUR CAPTURE WE WERE ALONE WITH HIM.

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"OUR PARENTS COULD NOT HELP US AT THAT TIME, AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO. THEY WERE NOT PRESENT. OUR FRIENDS IN BATTLE, OUR COMPANIONS IN ACTION, WERE TOO BUSY WITH THEIR OWN FIGHTING, THEIR OWN DYING IF YOU PLEASE, TO HELP IN OUR HOUR OF NEED.

"BUT THERE WAS ONE FRIEND WHO WAS THERE AND COULD HELP US. THAT FRIEND WAS JESUS CHRIST. AND HE DID NOT LET US DOWN; HE CAME THROUGH FOR US. I FELT HIS PRESENCE AT THAT TIME. AND I'M SURE THAT ALL OF US HAD MUCH THE SAME EXPERIENCE.

"TODAY LET US NOT CONCERN OURSELVES WITH THE MATERIAL PRESENTS THAT ARE LACKING THIS CHRISTMAS. RATHER LET US STOP AND THINK ABOUT THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF ALL. THE GIFT THAT WE, AND ALL MANKIND, RECEIVED ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS ALMOST 2,000 YEARS AGO. THE ETERNAL GIFT OF THE INFANT JESUS, THE GIFT OF THE PERPETUAL HELP OF JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH.

"WE CAN (UNDERLINED) HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TODAY IF WE REMEMBER THAT AS CHRISTIANS, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE AND NO MATTER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE LIVING UNDER, WE ARE COMMEMORATING THE BEST POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT. WE ARE REMEMBERING THAT WE CHRISTIANS ARE THE MOST FORTUNATE OF MEN. BECAUSE WE HAVE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

"SO TODAY, LET US PUT ASIDE ALL THOUGHTS OF OUR PERSONAL DISCOMFORTS. LET US FORGET FOR TODAY OUR LONELINESS, THE ABSENCE OF THOSE DEAR TO US. AND LETS SPEND THE DAY GLORIFYING GOD AND SINGING HIS PRAISES. AND WE WILL (UNDERLINED) HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS REMEMBERING AND ENJOYING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS WITH US ALWAYS--EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."

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BY A. I. GOLDBERG

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 23 (AP)--NATIVE CHIEFS IN AFRICA TROUBLE THE FRENCH ALMOST AS MUCH AS THEIR CHANGING CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT AT HOME.

U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL PETITIONS DETAILED TODAY SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES THE FRENCH HAVE IN THEIR AFRICAN CAMEROONS TRUST TERRITORY.

BECAUSE THE CAMEROONIANS ARE AMONG THE U.N.'S 20 MILLION TRUSTEESHIP WARDS, THEY CAN BRING TO THE TOP INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMPLAINTS THAT ARE HANDLED IN MINOR COURTS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

BOB DANG BENOIT WAS ONE COMPLAINANT. HE LIVES IN DOUNE, IN THE HAUT-NYONG REGION. BECAUSE HE AND HIS BROTHERS WERE MINORS WHEN HIS FATHER AMAGOU DIED, HE CLAIMS OTHER CHIEFS TOOK OVER BOTH THE JOB AND THE AMAGOU HOUSE.

THE LATEST ALLEGED USURPER, KAMANDA, RECENTLY DIED AND BOB DANG WANT THE JOB, AS WELL AS THE HOUSE. BOB DANG SAYS KAMANDA STRIPPED THE HOUSE AND HE WANTS DAMAGES.

TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, NOW IN RECESS UNTIL NEXT SPRING, THE FRENCH ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY REPORTED BOB DANG WAS NOT REALLY IN LINE OF SUCCESSION AS CHIEF. AS TO THE HOUSE, THE FRENCH ANSWER INDICATED THE CAMEROONIANS ARE A THOROUGH PEOPLE. THEY SAID KAMANDA VACATED IT, BUT "IS SAID TO HAVE REMOVED THE ROOF SLATS, THE RAFTERS AND THE BRICKS OF THE VERANDA. X X X SINCE THEN THE HOUSE HAS REMAINED ABANDONED."

WHAT LOOKED LIKE TOPSY TURVY ACTION WAS CONTAINED IN A PETITION FROM MBIDA JOSEPH ASSENA, WHO CLAIMS THAT HE OUGHT TO BE "KING" OF THE MBIDAMBANI TRIBE BUT THAT ANOTHER USURPED THE PLACE, LEAVING HIM TO BE ONLY A VILLAGE CHIEF.

MBIDA JOSEPH ALLEGED THAT HE SUED THE USURPER "BUT THIS ONLY RESULTED IN THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE PETITIONER"---MBIDA JOSEPH HIMSELF.

THE FRENCH ANSWER: THE COMPLAINANT WAS REALLY SENT TO PRISON FOR THREE YEARS ON CONVICTION OF EMBEZZLING TAX MONEY.

OTHER PETITIONS REVEALED THAT CHIEFS WANTED SALARIES TO COLLECT TAXES, IN ADDITION TO WORKING ON A COMMISSION BASIS.

THEY NOW GET 10 PER CENT OF THE TAX IF THEY CAN GET THE VILLAGERS TO PAY UP WITHIN THREE MONTHS, ONLY SIX PER CENT IF IT TAKES SIX MONTHS.

TO ONE CHIEF WHO SAID IT WAS "EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MAKE ENDS MEET" THE FRENCH REPLIED TARTLY: "THE DUTIES OF VILLAGE CHIEFS ARE NOT SUCH AS TO PREVENT THEM FROM FOLLOWING OTHER AND REMUNERATIVE OCCUPATIONS."

THE MEDICAL ORDERLY, MAURICE N'BARGA ZAMBO, HAD A LIST OF GRIEVANCES. ZAMBO SAID HE WAS FALSELY ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF STEALING 40,000 FRANCS FROM A DOCTOR WHO WANTED TO MARRY ZAMBO'S SISTER BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD TO CARRY BRICKS TO HELP BUILD ANOTHER DOCTOR'S HOUSE.

HE ALSO CHARGED HE WAS REFUSED FOUR DAYS OFF TO GET MARRIED. HE TOOK TWO DAYS OFF ANYWAY. TEN DAYS LATER HE WAS FIRED FROM THE MEDICAL SERVICE, HE COMPLAINED. HE WANTS A PENSION AND MONEY DAMAGES.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC.23 (AP)-THE U.N. CHILDREN'S FUND ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A $132,000 ALLOCATION TO BUY SKIM MILK POWDER FOR JAPANESE CHILDREN HAS BEEN APPROVED IN A MAIL POLL OF THE FUND'S 26 BOARD MEMBERS.

THE FUND'S ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE EMERGENCY STEP WAS TAKEN AFTER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED THAT THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF CHILD-SELLING HAD BEEN REVIVED BY DESPERATE FAMILIES IN CROP SHORTAGE AREAS OF NORTH JAPAN AND THAT CONDITIONS WERE SERIOUS IN TYPHOON TORN SECTIONS OF CENTRAL JAPAN.

ABOUT 900,000 CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THE MILK FEEDING, THE FUND SAID. SHIPMENT OF 660 TONS OF MILK FROM U.S. SURPLUS STOCKS WILL REACH JAPANESE PORTS IN FEBRUARY BUT BORROWING FROM MILK STOCKS ON HAND WILL ALLOW SCHOOL FEEDINGS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE RICE CROP IS HARVESTED IN OCTOBER. JAPAN IS PROVIDING $300,000 IN LOCAL CURRENCY TO PAY FOR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS AND TRANSPORT COSTS IN THE COUNTRY.

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CHRISTMAS FRONTLIER
BY FORREST EDWARDS

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WESTERN FRONT, KOREA, FRIDAY, DEC. 25 (AP)-FIVE MAN PROWLED THE BARBED WIRE IN FRONT OF AN ALLIED OUTPOST -- FIVE OF THE THOUSANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS WHO KEPT A LONELY , ALERT AND NERVOUS VIGIL THROUGH THE FIRST PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS EVE IN KOREA IN FOUR YEARS.

A YEAR AGO THE PATROL WOULD HAVE HAD 12 TO 20 MEN. SOME MIGHT HAVE COME BACK ON STRETCHERS, OR NOT AT ALL.

ON THE RIDGELINE, JUST BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE, THREE MORE MEN TRAINED THEIR EYES ON THE HILLS AND VALLEYS OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE THAT SEPARATES THE ALLIED AND COMMUNIST ARMIES.

A YEAR AGO THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN HARRASSED BY RED MORTARS AND ARTILLERY. THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTING THEIR OWN HEAVY GUNS IN RETURN BOMBARDMENTS.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1953, WAS QUIET AND BLOODLESS. BUT THE PEACE THAT THE ARMISTICE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BROUGHT TO KOREA WAS UNEASY, AND FILLED WITH SUSPICION.

LAST NIGHT ALONG THE IMJIM RIVER A SHIVERING PUERTO RICAN SLAPPED HIS ARMS AGAINST HIS BODY AS HE LISTENED TO THE THROATY PURR OF HIS TANK ENGINE WARMING UP.

A YEAR AGO HIS TANK GUNS WOULD HAVE BEEN POINTING NORTH INSTEAD OF SOUTH AND SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FIRED. (THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION OF THE TANK GUNS FACING SOUTH BUT IT WAS PRESUMED TO BE A PRECAUTIONARY ORDER TO AVOID AN ACCIDENTAL FIRING AND TRUCE VIOLATION.)

TO THE NORTH, TWO MEN STOOD GUARD BESIDE A 5 BY 5 FOOT SENTRY BOX IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, LESS THAN 100 FEET FROM WHERE TWO CHINESE REDS IN QUILTED UNIFORM STOOD GUARD.

A YEAR AGO THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN STANDING IN ALMOST THE SAME SPOT AND IGNORING ONE ANOTHER AS THEY DID LAST NIGHT -- FOR THIS WAS THE PANMUNJOM NEUTRAL ZONE WHERE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATORS AFTER TWO LONG YEARS OF HAGGLING FINALLY WERE TO SIGN THE TRUCE AGREEMENT LAST JULY 27.

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BEHIND THE LINES THIS CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICERS AND MEN PARTIED, PLAYED SANTA CLAUS TO KOREAN ORPHANS, WENT TO CHURCH, WROTE LETTERS HOME.

ON THE FRONT THAT STRETCHES ACROSS KOREA, THEY WATCHED, AND WAITED, AND PATROLLED -- AND THEIR AMMUNITION WAS NEVER OUT OF REACH.

IN A 6 BY 8-FOOT SANDBAGGED AND CAMOUFLAGED OBSERVATION BUNKER DUG INTO A RIDGESIDE, LT. WILLIAM D. ANDERSON OF 3416 EMPEDERDO, TAMPA, FLA., AND PFC. ROBERT ASHBRIDGE OF 138 EAST 21ST ST., CHESTER, PA., AND HERMAN PERKINS OF 1023 NORTH SECOND STREET, SAGINAW, MICH., SWEPT THEIR GLASSES BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE HILLS AND VALLEYS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE REDS.

LESS THAN A HALF MILE TO THE NORTH, HUNDREDS OF FLAMING TORCHES OUTLINED TWO LARGE RECTANGLES IN THE BLACKNESS. IN ONE OF THE TWO AREAS, ADDITIONAL TORCHES DESCRIBED ARCS IN THE AIR.

"THAT'S WHERE THE ANTI-COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE POWS ARE HELD," ANDERSON SAID. "THEY STARTED CELEBRATING LIKE THAT WHEN THE TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS ENDED LAST NIGHT. THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN TONIGHT."

"LOOK THROUGH THIS 'SCOPE," INVITED PERKINS. "IN THAT ONE COMPOUND YOU CAN SEE THE POWS THROWING THEIR TORCHES INTO THE AIR. THAT'S MAKE MAKES IT LOOK LIKE FIREWORKS."

ACROSS THE FROSTED GROUND CAME THE FAINT SOUND OF CHANTING OR SINGING, WHICH ASHBRIDGE SAID HAD BEEN A NIGHTLY OCCURRENCE SINCE THE POWS WERE FIRST TURNED OVER TO INDIAN GUARDS AND HERDED INTO THE COMPOUNDS INSIDE THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

TO THE RIGHT AND FARTHER AWAY TWINKLED A SMALL CLUSTER OF LIGHTS -- THE PANMUNJOM CONFERENCE AREA, SITE OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION AND THE NOW BROKEN OFF TALKS TO ARRANGE THE KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE. THERE, TOO, IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIAN LT.GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA.

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OUT OF SIGHT BUT ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE CONFERENCE AREA IS THE LITTLE 5 BY 5-FOOT SENTRY BOX WHERE PRIVATE RICHARD REED, 23, OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, AND PFC. RICHARD OLBERTZ, 21, OF (4424 S. 23RD ST.,) OMAHA, NEBR., STOOD GUARD IN THE MIDDLE, OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

"IT GETS PRETTY LONELY OUT THERE NIGHTS," OLBERTZ SAID JUST BEFORE HE AND REED WENT ON DUTY. "IT WOULD REALLY BE ROUGH IF WE DIDN'T HAVE EACH OTHER TO TALK TO."

HOME AND WHAT IS HAPPENING AT HOME MAKES UP A GOOD SHARE OF THE COVERSATION, REED SAID.

"BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE WE TALK ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND US," HE CONTINUED.

"WE DO QUITE A BIT OF WONDERING AND THINKING ABOUT THOSE 22 (AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR) WHO DON'T WANT TO COME HOME. WE CAN SEE THE LIGHTS OF THEIR COMPOUND FROM OUR SENTRY BOX."

OLBERTZ AND REED ARE TWO OF SEVEN ENLISTED MILITARY POLICE GUARDS IN THE IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE AREA. THE OFFICER ON DUTY IN THE AREA CHRISTMAS EVE WAS LT. MORRIS W. CAREL OF 304 MAIN, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

MEANWHILE, LT. TED MONICA, 24, OF 22 SANFORD, EAST ORANGE, N.J., FINISHED BRIEFING THE FIVE MEN HE SELECTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE PATROL OF THE BARBED WIRE IN FRONT OF HIS PLATOON OUTPOST.

THE FIVE MOVED OUT IN SINGLE FILE THROUGH A NOTCH IN THE RIDGELINE -- CPL. SYLVESTER NEELEY, 22, ROUTE 7, RUSHVILLE, IND.; PFC THEODORE TORGERSON, 25, 2311 N. KAILVER, CHICAGO; PFC. J.E. ADAMS, 19, ROUTE 1, MOBILE, ALA.; HOSPITAL MATE 3RD CLASS LEONARD MASTERS, 22, 1922 RUGBY ROAD, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

ALL BUT MASTERS ARE COMBAT VETERANS OF OUTPOST INGRID AND THE BITTER FIGHTING FOR OUTPOST RENO AND VEGAS LAST SUMMERS. MASTERS ARRIVED IN KOREA A WEEK AFTER THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.

THERE WAS NO GRIPING ABOUT PATROL DUTIES CHRISTMAS EVE. MASTERS WAS SO HAPPY ABOUT THE BIRTH OF HIS SECOND SON, TROLLIE ROBERTS, THREE MONTHS AGO "THAT I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT ANYTHING, EXCEPT MISSING HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS AND THAT CAN'T BE HELPED."

A17KND THE OTHERS HAVE NO INCLINATIONS TO GRIPE ABOUT THIS PATROL WHEN THEY RECALL THE MORE THAN A DOZEN EACH MADE INTO NO-MAN'S-LAND DURING THE SHOOTING WAR.

A YEAR AGO IT WAS KILL OR BE KILLED. THIS YEAR THE PATROL'S MAIN JOB IS TO GRAB ANY "MINE CROSSERS" OR "RED AGENTS" WHO MIGHT TRY TO SNEAK THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE.

AS THEY LEAVE THE PLATOON AREA, THEY PASS A SMALL CHRISTMAS TREE SET UP ON A TABLE IN FRONT OF THE PLATOON COMMAND POST. THE TREE AND THE DECORATION FOR IT WERE SENT TO MONICA BY A NEIGHBOR IN EAST ORANGE. HIS PLATOON ADDED ONE PIECE TO THE DECORATION -- AN OVERSIZED STOCKING STUCK WITH A MORTAR SHELL AND LABELED "FOR UKE," THE SLANG TERM FOR CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

A FEW MILES TO THE RIGHT, PFC ROBERTO COLON, 22-YEAR-OLD PUERTO RICAN FROM GUYAMA WHO HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET USED TO KOREAN WINTERS IN HIS THREE WEEKS HERE, FLAPPED HIS ARMS AGAINST HIS SIDE. HE LEFT HIS WARM TENT TO START THE ENGINES OF TWO TANKS GUARDING AN IMJIM BRIDGE APPROACH.

HE STOOD SHIVERING AS THE ENGINES WARMED UP.

"WAIT UNTIL IT REALLY GETS COLD," DRAWLED PFC DAMON HANCE, 19, OF DALLAS, TEXAS.

INSIDE THE TENT COLON HAD JUST LEFT FIVE OTHER MEN WHO MAN AND MAINTAIN THE TANK CLUSTERED AROUND A GASOLINE LANTERN THAT BURNED FIRST BRIGHT, THEN DIM.

PFC MARION F. DOSTER, 244 MAHAFFEY ST., JEFFERSON, GA., WAS ON THE FOURTH PAGE OF A LETTER HE WAS WRITING..

IN A TENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, A SERGEANT UNWRAPPED A WATCH HIS WIFE SENT HIM FOR CHRISTMAS.

"THE ONLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT I WANT WOULDN'T COST A DIME IF SHE WAS ONLY HERE TO GIVE TO ME," HE SAID.

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POW ROUNDUP (500)

BY GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

PANMUNJOM, DEC. 24 (AP)-TWENTY-TWO AMERICANS WHO DISOWNED HOME FOR COMMUNISM FAILED TO SHOW UP TODAY FOR A NEWS CONFERENCE THEY HAD REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN THEIR CHOICE.

INSTEAD, THREE KOREANS--ALSO CONVERTS TO COMMUNISM--APPEARED.

THEY SAID THE AMERICANS HAD CHANGED THEIR MINDS ABOUT TALKING.

THE KOREANS DENIED REPORTS THAT FEAR INSTEAD OF BELIEF IN COMMUNISM WAS HOLDING SOME OF THE AMERICANS.

"LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEE," THEY URGED INDIAN CUSTODIAN TROOPS.

THE AMERICANS PACKED FOR A CHRISTMAS EVE TRIP BACK TO THEIR MAIN PRISON COMPOUND IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE, LEAVING THE AREA WHERE THEY SPENT THE FINAL DAYS OF ALLIED EFFORTS TO WIN THEM HOME.

DRAB MILITARY TRUCKS PICKED UP THE AMERICANS, A BRITON AND ABOUT 70 SOUTH KOREANS LATE IN THE DAY AND TOOK THEM TO THE COMPOUND.

AN INDIAN OFFICER SAID THE AMERICANS DECORATED THE AREA WITH COLORED PAPER BUNTING BUT THEY DID NOT PUT UP A CHRISTMAS TREE.

THE EXPLANATION PERIOD RAN OUT WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT (10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, EST).

AT THE MAIN BARBED-WIRE COMPOUND, ALL THE FORMER ALLIED SOLDIERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN COMMUNISM WILL BE REUNITED--22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON, 327 KOREANS. THEY WERE SEPARATED WHEN 250 KOREANS ATTENDED ALLIED EXPLANATIONS AND THE OTHERS BALKED.

THE PRISONERS WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH A SPECIAL MENU OF BEEF, CHICKEN, PORK, FRUIT, WINE AND BEER FURNISHED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

THEY PLANNED SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENTS CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON WITH RED-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT--ICE SKATES, AMERICAN FOOTBALLS, JAVELINS, A DISCUS AND OTHER GEAR.

THE 22 AMERICANS WILL SPEND THE NEXT 30 DAYS AT THE MAIN COMPOUND. THEY, LIKE ALL OTHER PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION, ARE DUE TO BE RELEASED JAN. 22 AS CIVILIANS.

HOWEVER, THEIR STATUS AT THAT TIME IN THE EYES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REMAINED UNDETERMINED.

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IN WASHINGTON, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AMERICANS WILL REMAIN IN OPEN SERVICE UNTIL THEN, BUT NO FURTHER DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED.

A SPOKESMAN SAID OPEN SERVICE MEANS THEIR PAY WILL CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE.

A PENTAGON STATEMENT SAID THAT AFTER THE PERIOD OF GRACE THE ARMY HAS THREE POSSIBLE CHOICES--1. LEAVING THE 22 ON OPEN SERVICE; 2. GIVING THEM UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES; 3. LISTING THEM AS DESERTERS. A DECISION WILL BE MADE LATER, THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMERICAN POWS FROM THE SMALL COMPOUND MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME THEY ARE SEEN BY AMERICANS FOR A LONG TIME.

THE COMPOUND IS ABOUT A HALF-MILE FROM INDIAN HEADQUARTERS, WHERE AMERICAN LIAISON OFFICERS AND A FEW MILITARY POLICE ARE STATIONED.

THE MAIN COMPOUND IS HIDDEN BEHIND LOW HILLS FARTHER NORTH IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE.

MEANWHILE, THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION ARGUED OVER THE CAPTIVES AND SPLIT ON TWO DISPUTED ISSUES.

THE POLES AND CZECHS--BOTH COMMUNIST SATELLITES--STRONGLY SUPPORTED A RED DEMAND TO EXTEND THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD.

SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN, LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA, OPPOSED THE RED MOVE, SAYING THE 90-DAY PERIOD WAS CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND COULD NOT BE CHANGED.

THE SWISS AND SWEDES OPPOSED A REPORT BY THE COMMISSION ON THE OVERALL PRISONER OPERATION. INDIA SIDED WITH POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN ADOPTING THE REPORT. THE SWISS AND SWEDES SAID THEY WOULD MAKE THEIR OWN MINORITY REPORT.

THE REPORTS WILL BE ISSUED TO BOTH THE REDS AND THE U.N. COMMAND.

THE MAJORITY REPORT HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR MONTHS AND MAY NOT BE REVEALED UNTIL THE PRISONER COMMISSIO ENDS IT JOB.

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NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS

BY GEORGE MCARTHUR

PANMUNJOM, FRIDAY, DEC. 25-(AP)-TWENTY-TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO EMBRACED COMMUNISM WHILE WAR PRISONERS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH FEASTS AND GAMES TODAY IN THE LITTLE BARBED-WIRE VILLAGE OF SONGJONG IN THE KOREAN BUFFER ZONE.

IT WILL BE THE FOURTH CHRISTMAS IN PRISON FOR 14 OF THE MEN AND THE THIRD FOR THE OTHERS.

THEIR VILLAGE TENTS WERE DECORATED WITH BRIGHT PAPER BUNTING AND A BIG CHRISTMAS MEAL WAS DUE AT NOON, AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID. THEY HAD NO TREE.

THE AMERICANS PASSED UP AN EASY OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO THE UNITE NATIONS COMMAND YESTERDAY, IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. AS THEY WERE TRANSFERRED FROM A HOLDING COMPOUND TO THE SONGJONG VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, THEY FILED PAST INDIAN GUARDS ON THE WAY.

A FEW WORDS -- "I WANT TO BE REPATRIATED" -- WOULD HAVE SPELLED HOME BUT NONE OF THE AMERICANS STEPPED OUT OF LINE.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRANSFER WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

IN ANOTHER CAMP UNDER INDIAN CUSTODY THE 22,219 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS WHO RENOUNCED COMMUNISM ALSO GOT SOME SPECIAL TREATMENT TODAY FOR CHRISTMAS ALTHOUGH ONLY A HANDFUL OF THEM ARE CHRISTIANS. THE CHINESE WILL BE GIVEN DELICACIES FLOWN TO THEM FROM FORMOSA, PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S STRONGHOLD WHERE MOST OF THE PRISONERS HAVE ASKED TO GO WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED AS CIVILIANS NEXT JAN.22.

AFTER DAILY WRANGLING SINCE THE PRISONERS WERE PLACED IN NEUTRAL CUSTODY, IT APPEARED THAT CHRISTMAS WOULD BE RELATIVELY PEACEFUL.

THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION HAD NO MEETING SCHEDULED. YESTERDAY THE COMMISSION REJECTED FOR THE SECOND TIME A COMMUNIST EFFORT TO EXTEND THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD. THE PERIOD RAN OUT AT MIDNIGHT DEC.23.

PEIPING RADIO, IN A BROADCAST HEARD IN TOKYO, SAID 77 SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS WHO REFUSED TO ATTEND THE FINAL EXPLANATION SESSIONS ACCUSED THE U.N. COMMAND OF "COMPLETE LACK OF SINCERITY." THEY

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DENOUNCED AS "AN INSULT" AN ALLIED STATEMENT THAT THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM RETURNING HOME "BY A SMALL GROUP OF BAD EGGS." THEIR COMPLAINT WAS PRESENTED BY A GROUP OF THREE TO THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

IN CALLING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPLANATION PERIOD, THE REDS CONTENDED THAT IN 10 FULL DAYS OF EXPLANTIONS LESS THAN ONE-EVENTH OF THE 22,219 KOREAN AND CHINESE PRISONERS HAD A CHANCE TO LISTEN.

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THE AMERICAN PRISONERS AND THE LONE SCOT WHO REJECTED REPATRIATION WERE EATING SEPARATELY FROM THEIR SOUTH KOREAN COMRADES TODAY, AN INDIAN SOURCE SAID.

THE COMMUNISTS WHO SUPPLY THEM WITH FOOD, PROVIDED SPECIAL DISHES INCLUDING BEEF, FISH, PORK, CHICKEN, FRUITS, NUTS, BEER AND WINE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR RATIONS OF RICE.

INDIAN GUARDS PROVIDED THE AMERICANS WITH EXTRA COOKING POTS FOR THEIR FOOD.

THE REDS ALSO SUPPLIED THE ALLIES PRISONERS WITH ICE SKATES AND OTHER ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE DAY.

THE INDIAN CUSTODIAL COMMAND SAID THE MEN ALSO MAY HAVE CHRISTMAS MAIL FROM HOME IF THEY WILL ACCEPT IT. THE COMMAND WOULD NOT SAY WHICH OF THE MEN RECEIVED MAIL.

MOST OF THE MEN HAVE BEEN IN PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS FOR THREE YEARS. THE VETERAN AMONG THEM, PFC LOWELL O. SKINNER, 22, HAS SPENT 38 MONTHS IN CAPTIVITY.

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PMS BJT (1400)

PRISONERS

NEW YORK, DEC. 24 (AP)-WHAT WERE THE ROADS THAT LED 22 AMERICANS TO REFUSE TO LEAVE A COMMUNIST POW CAMP IN KOREA?

WHAT TURNED THESE GIS, WHO FOR THE MOST PART JOINED THE ARMY VOLUNTARILY, TO A WAY OF LIFE THEIR COUNTRYMEN SPURN?

WHAT, ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE, KEEPS THEM FROM THOSE WHO LONG FOR THEIR RETURN?

SOME MAY BE WITHOUT FRIENDS OR FAMILY. BUT NOT CPL. OTHO G. BELL, 22.

THE DAUGHTER BELL HAS NEVER SEEN, PAULA, 3, WEEPS FOR HIM IN OLYMPIA, WASH. SHE WANTS HER DADDY TO BRING HER A TRICYCLE AND WAGON FOR CHRISTMAS.

FRIENDS AND KINFOLK ARE BEWILDERED BY THE PRISONERS' DECISION. WAS IT FORCED ON THEM? MRS. BELL AND OTHERS THINK THERE IS DURESS INVOLVED.

UNLESS SOME OF THE 22 RETURN AND SPEAK, THE ANSWER MAY NEVER BE KNOWN.

BUT SOMETHING OF WHO THEY ARE, HOW THEY LIVED AND WHAT THEY SOUGHT FROM LIFE CAN BE LEARNED FROM THOSE WHO KNEW THEM.

AS A GROUP THEY ARE YOUNG. SOME ARE STILL NOT OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE, OTHERS TURNED VOTING AGE WHILE IN CAPTIVITY. GENERALLY THEY SHOULDERED LITTLE RESPONSIBILITY. NONE WAS AFFLUENT.

SOME CAME FROM HOMES BROKEN BY DIVORCE OR DEATH. ONE OR TWO HAD MINOR RECORDS AS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

MOST HAD AT LEAST GONE TO HIGH SCHOOL, MANY HAD GRADUATED. APPARENTLY NONE GOT TO COLLEGE.

FEW HELD DOWN JOBS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME--THE SPAN BETWEEN SCHOOL AND THE ARMY WAS TOO SHORT.

MANY WERE REGARDED BY THEIR NEIGHBORS AS ACTIVE CHURCH-GOERS. HARDLY ANY, BY TESTIMONY OF THEIR FRIENDS, SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN POLITICS BEFORE CAPTURE BY THE ENEMY IN KOREA.

HEAR WHAT THOSE WHO KNEW THEM HAVE TO SAY:

MRS. HERBERT E. SLAUGHTER, MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER OF PVT. SAMUEL D. HAWKINS, OKLAHOMA CITY:

"THIS BOY WAS RAISED A CHRISTIAN. HE COULDN'T REALLY TURN TO ANYTHING SUCH AS COMMUNISM. HE HAS EXPERIENCED GOD. I KNOW THE LORD WILL STRAIGHTEN IT OUT."

HAWKINS, 21, HAS BEEN A POW THREE YEARS. HIS MOTHER, MRS. CARLEY JONES, A PREACHER, HAS BEEN DIVORCED TWICE. SAYS MRS. JONES:

"I DON'T FEEL DISGRACED. HE IS JUST A BOY AND NEEDS HELP . . . I'M SURE I WAS TOO STRICT WITH HIM.

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"HE MAY HAVE TURNED TO THAT COMMUNIST DOCTRINE, BUT I KNOW HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT IN HIS HEART. AN OLDER MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REASON MORE, BUT I THINK DAVID WANTS TO COME HOME NEVERTHELESS."

HAWKINS' TEACHER, MRS. BESS WILLIS, SAYS:

"I JUST WONDER WHAT THAT BOY HAD TO SUFFER TO BRING HIM TO THAT DECISION....HE WAS A GOOD STUDENT, A 100 PER CENT AMERICAN."

SOMETIMES IT WAS HARD TO FIND PEOPLE WHO KNEW, OR WOULD TALK, ABOUT A PRISONER. SUCH WAS THE CASE WITH CPL. ANDREW FORTUNA 27, OF LINCOLN PARK, MICH.

FORTUNA'S FAMILY WAS ALMOST ALWAYS ON RELIEF. ONCE HE STAYED HOME FROM SCHOOL FOR 21 DAYS FOR LACK OF SHOES. HIS FATHER IS DEAD; NEIGHBORS HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHERE HIS MOTHER IS.

FORTUNA QUIT SCHOOL TO ENLIST NEAR THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

HE REENLISTED FOR THE KOREAN WAR. A BARTENDER FRIEND, JACK LUSAS, SAYS OF HIM:

"ANDREW WAS A GOOD, QUIET KID WHO NEVER GAVE US ANY TROUBLE. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE WON'T COME BACK."

CPL. JOHN R.DUNN, 25, OF BALTIMORE, IS THE SON OF AN EMPLOYMENT MANAGER OF AN INDUSTRIAL FIRM. HE WORKED AS A WHOLESALE GROCERY SALESMAN BEFORE BEING DRAFTED.

HE WAS ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, WHOSE RECTOR, THE REV. ELMER P. BAKER, SAYS: "HE IS ONE OF THE FINEST BOYS I KNOW. MOST OF HIS LIFE CENTERED IN THE CHURCH. I WISH I HAD 5)3(3

SAYS: "HE IS ONE OF THE FINEST BOYS I KNOW. MOST OF HIS LIFE CENTERED IN THE CHURCH. I WISH I HAD 20 MORE LIKE HIM."

DUNN WAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1948. HIS CLASS YEARBOOK LISTED HIS AMBITION: "TO BE HAPPY."

SGT.ALBERT C.BELHOMME, 27, OF ASHLAND, PA., IS A NATURALIZED AMERICAN. BORN IN BELGIUM, HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS 19 GOT HIS CITIZENSHIP STRAIGHTENED OUT AND ENLISTED IN THE ARMY.

BELHOMME'S MOTHER, MRS.MARCELLA SEIFERT, HAS SAID:

"IN ALL HIS LETTERS HE INDICATED HE WAS ANXIOUS TO GET OUT WITH MOM AND DAD AGAIN FOR SOME GOOD TIMES."

SEVERAL PRISONERS, LIKE SGT. LAWRENCE V.SULLIVAN, 22, OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIF., ARE NEGROES. WITH SIX OTHER CHILDREN HE WAS REARED BY HIS GRANDMOTHER, MRS.MARY B.FROST, WHO SAYS: "WE WERE AS POOR AS JOB'S TURKEY."

HIS MOTHER WAS FATALLY BEATEN IN JULY, 1951, AND AS A RESULT A MAN WAS CONVICTED OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER. GRANDMA FROST DOUBTS SULLIVAN

HAS HEARD OF IT.

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SULLIVAN, WHO ENLISTED, IS ONE WHO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WON OVER STRONGLY TO THE COMMUNIST POINT OF VIEW. IN HIS LAST LETTER TO MRS. FROST 13 MONTHS AGO HE SAID:

"I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE WAR IS NOT BEING FOUGHT FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND I, BUT FOR A HANDFUL OF WAL STREETS (SIC). IT REALLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO ME WHEN I LOOKED AT MY COUNTRY FROM THE OUTSIDE."

PFC LOWELL SKINNER, 22, LIVED IN A SPARSELY SETTLED OUTSKIRT OF AKRON, OHIO, AND HIS FAMILY KEPT PRETTY MUCH TO ITSELF. HE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL AT 18 TO JOIN THE ARMY, HOPING TO GET INTO THE CAVALRY LIKE HIS FATHER, BRADY, WHO WAS A WORLD WAR I CAVALRYMAN.

HIS MOTHER THINKS HE MUST BE "DOPED OR MENTALLY ILL." LAST YEAR HE WROTE ASKING HER TO SNE D$50 HE HAD IN A BANK TO TWO COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS. SHE DIDN'T.

SGT.RICHARD G.CORDEN'S TEACHERS DON'T REMEMBER HIM UP IN EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I.

ORPHANED 18 YEARS AGO, CORDEN AND HIS YOUNGER SISTER WRE RAISED BY GRANDPARENTS. HE WAS A QUIET BOY WITH A BENT FOR READING, CLASSICAL MUSIC AND CHURCH-GOING.

BUT SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN 1942 AND 1945 CORDEN WAS SENT TO A STATE CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL FOR WHAT WERE SAID TO BE MINOR INFRACTIONS OF THE JUVENILE LAW.

HE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY IN 1946, SERVED THREE YEARS IN GERMANY AND IN 1950 ASKED FOR TRANSFER TO THE FAR EAST, TELLING FRIENDS PROMOTIONS CAME FASTER THERE.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1952, CORDEN WROTE HIS "ADOPTED" MOTHER, MRS.JOSEPH FONTAINE, OF PLANS TO COME HOME AFTER THE KOREAN WAR, MARRY AND SETTLE DOWN.

BUT EX-POWS WHO KNEW HIM IN PRISON CAMP REPORTED HE HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO COMMUNISM AND THAT THE REDS HAD TO MOVE HIM BECAUSE OF THREATS FROM FELLOW PRISONERS.

"THERE WAS NO FINER BOY AND NO BETTER AMERICAN," SAYS MRS. FONTAINE.

KIN OF MANY REFUSE TO BELIVE THE POWS ARE MAKING FREE CHOICES.

SAYS MRS.HOWARD L.RUSH, OF MARIETTA, OHIO, OF HER SON, CPL.SCOTT L. RUSH, 21:

"THE ENEMY BY EVERY EVIL MEANS HAS IMPOSED ITS WILL UPON OUR BOY, WHO IS NOT REMAINING WITH THEM THROUGH HIS OWN FREE WILL AND DESIRE."

MRS.MALBERT GRIGGS, OF JACKSONVILLE, TEX., WON'T BELIVE THAT THE PRISONER LISTED AS PFC. LEWIS GRIGGS, 21, OF NECHES, TEX., IS HER SON. "I DID NOT REAR A COMMUNIST," SHE SAYS.

PVT.RICHARD R.TENNESON, 20, OF ALDEN, MINN., ONCE HE WAS PICKED UP IN NEBRASKA ON A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CHARGE IN AN AUTO THEFT CASE AND RELEASED TO HIS MOTHER.

SHERIFF LLOYD FRANK, OF BUFFALO COUNTY, NEB., RECALLS THAT YOUNG TENNESON HAD THE NOTION HE SHOULDN'T BE PUNISHED FOR TAKING THE CAR BECAUSE HE FELT ALL PROPERTY BELONGED TO EVERYBODY AND HE HAD A RIGHT TO USE IT.

TENNESON'S PARENTS WERE DIVORCED WHEN HE WAS BUT 3 YEARS OLD. HE RAN AWAY FROM HOME TWICE.

"RICHARD WENT THROUGH SOME PRETTY ROCKY TIMES DURING HIS EARLY YEARS," SAYS THE REV.A.C. SWENSON, HIS BAPTIST PASTOR.

BUT, THE MINISTER ADDED, TENNESON WAS "ABSOLUTELY SINCERE IN HIS APPROACH TO GOD."

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PFC ARLIE PATE'S FORMER BOSS SAYS HE CAN UNDERSTAND "HOW SOMEONE MIGHT LEAD HIM INTO THINKING COMMUNISM IS GREAT."

PATE, 23, HAILS FROM CARBONDALE, ILL. HE IS THE SON OF A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HILL COUNTRY FARMER WHO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO WORK FOR 14 YEARS.

SAID JIM NIEMAN, PARTS DEPARTMENT MANAGER OF AN EAST ST.LOUIS, ILL., MOTOR FIRM FOR WHICH PATE DROVE A TRUCK:

"HE WAS A LITTLE SLOW TO GET THE DRIFT SOMETIMES AND WE HAD TO WRITE DOWN EACH OF THE STOPS WE WANTED HIM TO MAKE. THE KID WAS EASILY LED."

PFC. AARON P.WILSON, 21, COMES FROM URANIA, A SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY IN CENTRAL LOUISIANA. HE IS THE OLDEST OF EIGHT CHILDREN.

HIS SISTER, MRS.MYRTLE ROGERS, REPORTS:

"MY BROTHER DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF COMMUNISM."

PFC. CLARENCE ADAMS IS 24, A NEGRO. HIS FATHER IS DEAD. HIS MOTHER CHECKS CLOTHES IN A MEMPHIS, TENN., LAUNDRY FOR A LIVING. HE GOT AVERAGE GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE REPORTS, AND "LOVED HIS HOME."

PFC.WILLIAM C.WHITE, 22, OF PLUMMERVILLE, ARK., IS ALSO, NEGRO. HIS FOLKS OWN A FARM AND HE HAD A REPUTATION AROUND HOME AS A HARD WORKER. HE NEEDED BUT HALF A TERM TO GRADUATE WHEN HE QUIT HIGH SCHOOL IN WICHITA, KAN., TO JOIN THE ARMY.

UP IN FORT ANN, N.Y., PRAYERS WILL BE SAID THIS CHRISTMAS FOR THE RETURN OF PFC.MORRIS WILLS, 20. HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS 12, AND HE LIVED WITH HIS FATHER, WILLIAM, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WILLS WAS KNOWN AS A QUIET BOY WH NEVER GOT INTO TROUBLE.

FOLKS IN KERMIT, TEX., FEEL THE COMMUNISTS GOT TO CPL. CLAUDE J.BATCHELOR, 24, BEFORE HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO REALIZE WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

SGT.HAROLD H.WEBB'S MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS 3, SHORTLY AFTER SHE AND HIS FATHER SEPARATED. HE IS NOW 22.

AN AUNT, MRS.EVELYN KLIPSTINE, OF FT. PIERCE, FLA., WITH WHOM WEBB LIVED FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE ENLISTING IN 1943, SAID HE WAS FOND OF FISHING AND ATHLETICS "LIKE A NORMAL AMERICAN BOY."

PFC. JAMES VENERIS' FAMILY LIVES IN HAWTHORNE AND GARDENA, CALFI., BUT HE WAS BORN, WENT TO SCHOOL AND WORKED IN VANDERGRIFT, PA.

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HE LIKED TO TALK ABOUT POLITICS, SAYS HIS SISTER, MRS. HELEN SCOLINOS, OF GARDENA, BUT HE SHOWED NO LEFT-WING THINKING.

SGT. HOWARD G.ADAMS, 23, IS AN ARMY RESERVIST WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR INFANTRY DUTY SHORTLY AFTER THE REDS INVADED SOUTH KOREA IN 1950.

THE OTHER DAY HIS GRAYING MOTHER, MRS.J.H. ADAMS, TRAVELED FROM CORSICANA, TEX., TO A DALLAS RADIO STATION TO MAKE A RECORD, HOPING THAT SOMEHOW THE MESSAGE MIGHT REACH HER SON.

SHE SAID, "IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY SAD CHRISTMAS FOR US UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO COME HOME. YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, SO PLEASE HAVE THAT COURAGE NOW. . . ."I I LOVE YOU."

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A76KX

(WEST OUT) (240)

BY WILLIAM C.BARNARD

TOKYO, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE SHOOTING WAR IN KOREA IS OVER THIS CHRISTMAS EVE BUT NOT THE SUFFERING.

THE GUNS ARE SILENT BUT THE SCARS THEY LEFT ARE UNHEALED.

IN THE WARDS OF TOKYO'S U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL ARE BATTLE CASUALTIES STILL TOO ILL TO GO HOME.

PVT.ARNOLD D.MASON GAZED AT THE LIGHTS AND TINSEL IN HIS WARD.

"MOST OF US THINK WE ARE VERY LUCK6," HE SMILED. "WE AREN'T SPENDING CHRISTMAS AT HOME BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THIS IS

CHRISTMAS AND WE ARE ALIVE."
THE 20-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER SMILED:
"I'M ALIVE," HE SAID, "AND I HAVE AN ARM AND LEG THAT I THOUGHT WERE GONE. THE LEG IS A MIRACLE AND SO IS THE ARM."
MASON, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE U.S. 7TH DIVISION, LIVED IN ONALASKA, WIS., AND LATER IN EDMONS, WASH.
LAST JUNE 5, ON THE RUGGED CENTRAL FRONT, HIS BRAVERY ALMOST COST HIM HIS LIFE.
DURING A TREMENDOUS COMMUNIST MORTAR BARRAGE, THE YOUNG MEDIC TWICE CROSSED A BATTLEFIELD TO CHECK ON THE SAFETY OF A PLATOON OF INFANTRYMEN HUDDLING IN A SHALLOW CAVE. ON THE SECOND CROSSING AN ENEMY MORTAR SHELL EXPLODED ONLY FIVE FEET AWAY, INJURING HIS LEG AND WRIST.
STRETCHER BEARERS CROSSED THE BATTLEFIELD AND PICKED UP THE FALLEN MEDIC. THE MORTAR BARRAGE WAS STILL GOING ON. AS THEY CARRIED MASON TO AN AID STATION ANOTHER SHELL EXPLODED AND RIPPED INTO HIS LEFT ARM.
HE WAS FLOWN TO TOKYO WHERE COL.V.M.JEFFRESS OF ADA, OKLA., A SKILLED ARMY SURGEON, WENT TO WORK ON HIM.
TODAY, WITH THE AID OF A BRACE, MASON CAN WALK. IN ANOTHER FEW MONTHS, HE WON'T NEED THAT. MASON'S WRIST HAS HEALED.
MASON HOPES TO SPEND NEXT CHRISTMAS AT HOME--IN THE UNITED STATES.
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1953

KOREA (250)
BY GEORGE MCARTHUR
WITH U. S. 1ST CORPS, KOREA, FRIDAY, DEC. 25 (AP)-BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN TOLD A THRONGED CHAPEL OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS TODAY THAT THEIR JOB HERE "WILL PRESERVE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME."
SOLDIERS PACKED THE U. S. 1ST CORPS CHAPEL FOR THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF 35 MILLION PROTESTANTS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE BISHOP IS THE NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST.
IN THE CONGREGATION WAS MAJ. GEN. BLACKSHEAR M. BRYAN, CORPS COMMANDER.
THE METHODIST LEADER SAID HE WAS TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS' EFFORTS TO CARE FOR KOREAN ORPHANS AND CHILDREN. HE SAID THE TROOPS HAVE "PLANTED THE SEEDS OF GOODWILL AND CHRISTMAS KINDNESS THAT WILL NEVER BE UPROOTED."
THE BISHOP LED THE CONGREGATION IN A PRAYER FOR PERMANENT PEACE IN KOREA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
BISHOP MARTIN LEFT AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT THE U. S. 7TH DIVISION FOR ANOTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICE.
SINCE ARRIVING IN KOREA DEC. 21, THE BUSY BISHOP HAS TRAVELED TO WIDELY SCATTERED UNITS, PREACHING AND SHAKING HANDS WITH SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN. TOMORROW HE WILL VISIT THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION.
THE BISHOP WILL LEAVE KOREA JUST BEFORE THE NEW YEAR.
"SUPPOSE CHRISTMAS WOULD DROP OUT OF THE CALENDAR AND OUT OF OUR LIVES, WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN TO US?" MARTIN ASKED. "GOD SENT HIS SON TO THE WORLD IN THE FORM OF A LITTLE BOY. THAT'S WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS."
"IT ALSO MEANS," HE ADDED, "THAT GOD HAS AN INTEREST IN THE LIFE AND WELL-BEING OF EACH OF US."
HE SAID "THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST ENABLES A MAN TO LIVE A CLEAN LIFE NO MATTER WHERE HE IS. WHEN YOU RETURN HOME, BE ABLE TO LOOK YOUR LOVED ONES IN THE EYE AND SAY BY THE GRACE OF GOD I HELD THE LINE."
FJ921PCS

30.24- 10-81

A112FX
SEOUL, DEC.24 (AP)-THE FIFTH AIR FORCE SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO SOUTH KOREA'S CAPITAL TODAY FROM A TWIN-ENGINE TRANSPORT PLANE.
A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE C47 LOUDSPEAKER PLANE FLEW OVER THE CITY AT ABOUT 4,000 FEET, BROADCASTING CAROLS RECORDED EARLIER BY THE 5TH AIR FORCE BAND.
THE "CAROL CARRIER" IS ONE OF THE PLANES USED DURING THE WAR TO BROADCAST INFORMATION OVER COMMUNIST TERRITORY.
TOMORROW, THE PLANE WILL FLY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BROADCASTING CAROLS TO TROOPS MANNING THE FRONT.
TOMORROW NIGHT THE PLANE WILL SERENADE PUSAN AND TAEGU.
MA657APS

1953

A81FX
TOKYO, DEC. 24 (AP)-U.S. AIR FORCE PLANES CARRIED A RECORD 80 TONS OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES AND MAIL TO KOREA TODAY.
THE AIR FORCE USED FOUR GIANT C124 GLOBEMASTERS AND OTHER PLANES OF THE 374TH TROOP CARRIER WING.
LT. HARLAND D. WILLIAMS OF SOMERS, CONN., POSTAL OFFICER, SAID THE 80 TONS IS A RECORD FOR THE TACHIKAWA AIR BASE POSTAL TERMINAL.
CY450APS

1953

A41MP
WITH BUDGET
PRECEDE MINNEAPOLIS DAY
BY DAVID M. MASON
ALDEN, MINN., DEC. 24 (AP)-MRS. PORTIA HOWE CAME HOME THIS CHRISTMAS EVE TO HER SOUTHERN MINNESOTA FARM -- 7,000 MILES FROM WHERE SHE MADE A DRAMATIC BUT FUTILE ATTEMPT TO WIN HER SOLDIER SON FROM THE COMMUNISTS.
WHILE HER SON, PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON DEFIANTLY CELEBRATED A STRANGE KOREAN YULETIDE BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE OF HIS PRISONER-OF-WAR COMPOUND, MRS. HOWE GATHERED THE REST OF HER FAMILY ABOUT THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE WITH A SORT OF PEACEFUL RESIGNATION, KNOWING SHE HAD "DONE ALL SHE COULD."
AGAINST ADVICE OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THE GREYING 43-YEAR-OLD MOTHER FLEW TO THE FAR EAST DEC. 9 TO TRY TO RID HER SON OF THE "COMMUNIST POISON WITH 10 MINUTES OF COMMON SENSE."
SHE GOT AS FAR AS JAPAN, WHERE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND FORBADE HER TO GO TO KOREA.
A WRITTEN APPEAL TO TENNESON TO COME HOME WAS ANSWERED BY A BITTER "I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND AND I AM NOT GOING."
WHILE SHE CAME HOME EMPTY-HANDED, MRS. HOWE SAID SHE WAS GLAD SHE MADE THE TRIP--THAT SHE NEVER WOULD HAVE RESTED UNTIL SHE HAD GONE
TIRED, BUT OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED AND COMPOSED, MRS. HOWE WALKED PAST A FLOCK OF LOUDLY QUACKING DUCKS AND INTO THE ARMS OF HER FAMILY AND OTHER RELATIVES WHO WERE WAITING ON THE PORCH OF THE SQUARE, WHITE HOUSE ABOUT A MILE FROM ALDEN, A VILLAGE OF 663.
"WE'RE PROUD OF YOU," HER MOTHER, MRS. JOHN W. JENSEN, SAID.
"HI, MA," HER 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, JAN, SHOUTED.
THERE WERE A FEW TEARS; THEN JAN AND HER TWIN, EBEN, NOTICED BUNDLES OF ODD GIFTS, WRAPPED IN FLIMSY JAPANESE PAPER.
ORIENTAL WOODEN DOLLS, SLIPPERS WITH A SEPARATE PLACE FOR THE BIG TOE, AND LOUD, MULTI-COLORED JACKETS CAME FROM THE WRAPPINGS. THERE WAS ALSO A CARVED DRAGON PIPE FOR MRS. HOWE'S HUSBAND, EB.
HER HUSBAND MISSED HER HOMECOMING BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY PRESS OF THEIR FAST-GROWING POULTRY PROCESSING BUSINESS.
A FOUR-FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE STOOD IN THE LIVING ROOM WHERE MRS. HOWE HAD SET IT UP BEFORE SHE LEFT. THINKING SHE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT

HOME IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. AND, TO MAKE SURE HER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WOULD FOLLOW A LONG TRADITION, SHE HAD ALSO MADE SOME ROLLS IN WHICH SHE HAD HIDDEN COINS AND PLACED THEM IN A FREEZER.

A42MP

MRS. HOWE SAT AT THE DINING ROOM TABLE WITH NEWSMEN AND RELATIVES FOR THE HASTILY PREPARED LUNCH OF SCRAMBLED EGGS, DATE-NUT BREAD AND COFFEE.

WHEN THE TABLE WAS CLEARED, SHE SORTED THROUGH AN ACCUMULATION OF A DOZEN OR MORE LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SHE SEPARATED THE "POISONOUS" ONES FROM THE SYMPATHETIC ONES AND READ PASSAGES FROM EACH.

AN UNSIGNED, TYPEWRITTEN CARD MAILED DEC. 16 FROM LOS ANGELES SAID:

"MARXISM IS THE HOPE AND THE REALIZATION FOR THE COMMON MAN... BLESS YOU FOR MOTHERING SUCH A SON."

AT THAT SHE LAUGHED SCORNFULLY.

OTHER MESSAGES QUOTED THE BIBLE AND PRAISED HER FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS TO REGAIN HER SON, ATTEMPTS WHICH INCLUDED TAPE-RECORDINGS, LETTERS, AND FINALLY THE PLANE TRIP AND THE STINGING REBUKE SIGNED "RICK."

WHAT MADE HER SON AND 21 OTHERS STAY BEHIND? WAS IT PROMISES OF MONEY, FREE EDUCATION, FEAR, MENTAL ILLNESS? PERHAPS ALL OF THESE, BUT MRS. HOWE STILL HAS NO CLEAR ANSWER TO THE GNAWING QUESTION.

BUT OF THIS SHE IS CERTAIN: SHE IS THROUGH TRYING TO REACH HER SON WITH LETTERS PLEADING WITH HIM TO COME HOME.

"HE HAS MADE HIS DECISION. IT'S A BAD ONE, BUT HE'S STUCK WITH IT," SHE SAID.

IF HE EVER WANTS OR CAN CHANGE HIS MIND AND COME HOME, MRS. HOWE SAID SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIM.

AND SO, APPARENTLY, WILL THE PEOPLE OF ALDEN, WHO SHAKE THEIR HEADS OVER THE IMPONDERABLE QUESTION:

"WHAT HAPPENED TO RICK?"

MZ604PCS

1953

A139MP

PRECEDE SEATTLE (200)

MINNEAPOLIS,DEC 24 (AP)-WITH HOPE STILL IN HER HEART FOR HER POW SON'S RETURN, MRS.PORTIA HOWE, ALDEN, MINN. FARM WIFE CAME BACK TO HER HOME STATE TODAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HER FAMILY.

MRS.HOWE SET OUT TO WIN BACK HER SON, PFC. RICHARD R.TENNESON FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN KOREA, BUT FAILED TO MEET HIM FACE TO FACE. SHE GOT NO FARTHER THAN TOKYO BECAUSE OF MILITARY REGULATIONS.

SHE ARRIVED IN MINNEAPOLIS AT 9:30 A.M. (CST) ABOARD A NORTHWEST AIRLINES PLANE THAT HAD CARRIED HER FROM SEATTLE ON HER FLIGHT FROM TOKYO.

"I'D LIKE TO SHOW THE COMMUNISTS THEY HAVEN'T SPOILED CHRISTMAS," MRS.HOWE TOLD NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. SHE CARRIED MANY GIFTS FROM JAPAN FOR HER HUSBAND EB, AND THEIR OTHER CHILDREN, JAN AND EBEN, 10-YEAR-OLD TWINS, AND NATHAN, 16.

QUOTING THE BIBLE FREQUENTLY AS SHE SPOKE, MRS.HOWE SAID SHE HASN'T GIVEN UP HOPE OR FAITH AND CONSIDERS HER MISSION TO JAPAN A SUCCESS BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO HER SON. SHE ARRIVED IN JAPAN TWO WEEKS AGO.

MRS.HOWE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY MRS.C.H.CHRISTOPHERSON, ST.PAUL, A SISTER-IN-LAW AND ACCOMPANIED HER TO ST.PAUL BEFORE JOURNEYING TO ALDEN, MINN. BY AUTOMOBILE FOR CHRISTMAS.

MRS.HOWE SAID SHE'LL WELCOME HOME, ETC., PICKING UP IN 2ND GRAF A77FX, SEATTLE DATELINE.

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A77FX

MRS HOWE (200)

(FX) SEATTLE, DEC. 24 (AP)-MRS. PORTIA HOWE, WHO FLEW HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO RECLAIM HER SON--A PRISONER WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION IN KOREA--RETURNED ALONE TO THE UNITED STATES TODAY.

MRS. HOWE OF ALDEN, MINN., SAID SHE'LL WELCOME HOME HER SON PFC. RICHARD TENNESON "WHENEVER HE REALIZES THE MISTAKE HE HAS MADE.

BUT SHE WILL MAKE NO MORE TRIPS TO MEET HIM, SHOULD HE REQUEST AT SOME FUTURE TIME THAT SHE JOIN HIM IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, SHE ADDED.

TENNESON, 20, IS ONE OF 22 RED-HELD AMERICANS WHO REFUSED TO COME HOME. MRS. HOWE FLEW TO TOKYO IN HOPES OF SEEING HIM, BUT MILITARY AUTHORITIES DENIED PERMISSION FOR HER TO GO TO KOREA.

SHE ARRIVED ON A NORTHWEST-ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM TOKYO AT 12:05 A.M. (2:05 A.M. CST). SHE LEFT 1 1/2 HOURS LATER FOR MINNEAPOLIS ON A FLIGHT DUE THERE AT 11:30 A.M. CST.

SHE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HER OTHER THREE CHILDREN AT ALDEN, WHERE, SHE SAID, "I THINK OUR FAMILY NOW WILL BE CLOSER KNIT THAN EVER BEFORE I WANT TO SHOW THE COMMUNISTS THAT WHATEVER THEY DO WE WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AS USUAL."

MRS. HOWE SAID RICHARD WOULD BE WELCOMED HOME AT ANY TIME "NOT AS A HERO, BUT AS A SON WHO HAS MADE A MISTAKE AND CORRECTED IT.

"WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP HIM READJUST HIMSELF TO OUR WAY OF LIFE," SHE SAID, "BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE OUR WAY OF LIFE."

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POW (190)

1953

OLYMPIA, WASH., DEC. 24 (AP)-MRS. OTHO BELL, WIFE OF ONE OF THE 22 AMERICANS WHO CAST THEIR LOT WITH THE COMMUNISTS, SAID TODAY SHE PLANS AN APPEAL TO ARMY AUTHORITIES FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HER HUSBAND FACE TO FACE IN KOREA.

"THE ALLIED EXPLAINERS HAVE TRIED AND FAILED," MRS. BELL SAID. "NOW THE WIVES AND MOTHERS OF THE AMERICANS SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE."

ANOTHER PRISONER'S MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE, ALDEN, MINN., GOT AS FAR AS TOKYO, BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HER SON. SHE RETURNED HOME LAST NIGHT.

MRS. BELL SAID MRS. HOWE MADE HER TRIP BEFORE THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINERS HAD HAD THEIR CHANCE AT PERSUADING THE POWS TO RETURN.

"NOW WE SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE," MRS. BELL SAID. "AT ONE TIME THE AUTHORITIES SAID WE WOULD MESS UP THE PEACE TALKS. I DON'T SEE HOW THEY COULD BE MESSED UP ANYMORE THAN THEY HAVE BEEN."

MRS. BELL SAID SHE WILL DIRECT HER PLEA FOR A FACE TO FACE TALK WITH HER HUSBAND TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON.

"IF I GET TO SEE OTHO AND HE STILL WANTS TO STAY WITH THE COMMUNISTS, WHY THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. BUT AT LEAST I WILL HAVE TRIED. AND MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT WHY HE WANTS TO STAY."

THE BELLS HAVE A DAUGHTER, PAULA, ALMOST THREE, WHO HAS NEVER SEEN HER FATHER. SHE HAS BEEN PRAYING FOR HIM TO BRING HER A TRICYCLE AND WAGON FOR CHRISTMAS.

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B46 Q (290)

LONDON, DEC.24 (AP)-SECRET SERVICE MEN VISITED POST OFFICES AND AIR TERMINALS IN LONDON'S DOCKYARDS AREA TODAY SEEKING A CLUE TO THE PERSON WHO POSTED A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMAT GUY BURGESS TO HIS MOTHER.

THEY FACE AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TASK.

THE LETTER, POSTMARKED "LONDON, S.E. 1, DEC.21" AND DELIVERED YESTERDAY COULD HAVE BEEN DROPPED INTO ANY ONE OF 99 MAILBOXES IN THE

SPRAWLING DISTRICT EMBRACING THE RAIL AND AIR TERMINALS AT WATERLOO, LONDON BRIDGE AND THE DOCKING AREA, CALLED THE POOL OF LONDON.

OVER HALF A MILLION LETTERS WERE MAILED IN THAT DISTRICT ON DECEMBER 21, POST OFFICE SPOKESMEN SAID.

INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE IF THEY CAN TRACE THE BOX THE LETTER WAS POSTED IN IT WILL HELP THEM TRACK DOWN THE ROUTE TAKEN BY THE PERSON WHO MAILED IT.

FINGERPRINT EXPERTS TODAY WENT OVER EVERY INCH OF THE EXPENSIVE BRITISH MADE PAPER AND ENVELOPE OF THE LETTER, BUT FOUND ONLY BLURRED IMPRESSIONS. STATIONERS STOCKING THE LIGHT-BLUE PARCHMENT TYPE PAPER HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPORT ANY RECENT SALES.

THE INTIMATE LETTER, UNQUESTIONABLY IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE 42-YEAR-OLD LEFT WINGER WHO DISAPPEARED WITH FELLOW DIPLOMAT DONALD MACLEAN 2 1/2 YEARS AGO, REACHED THE PICCADILLY APARTMENT OF BURGESS' MOTHER YESTERDAY WITH OTHER CHRISTMAS MAIL.

"THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO NEWS OF ANY SORT IN THE LETTER SAVE THAT HE IS SAFE AND WELL," BURGESS' STEPFATHER LT.COL.J.R.BASSETT TOLD REPORTERS.

HIS WIFE SAID SHE WAS "ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN" IT CAME FROM HER SON.

BURGESS AND MACLEAN, NOW 40, VANISHED FROM LONDON ON MAY 25, 1951, AMID SPECULATION THEY HAD GONE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. MACLEAN'S CHICAGO-BORN WIFE, THE FORMER MELINDA MARLING, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, ALSO VANISHED LAST SEPTEMBER FROM THEIR HOME IN SWITZERLAND.

NO WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANY ONE OF THEM UNTIL BURGESS' LETTER TURNED UP.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE COMMENTED: "THE LETTER WAS PERSONAL AND DID NOT CONTAIN ANY EXCITING CLUES."

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1953

B92 (Q)

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LONDON, DEC 24 (AP)-CHINESE COMMUNISTS CLAIMED TONIGHT THAT GEOFFREY BULL, 32, A BRITISH MISSIONARY EXPELLED FROM CHINA LAST SATURDAY, WAS A "FOREIGN SPY." THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID IT WASN'T TRUE.

MOSCOW RADIO QUOTED THE SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER SIKANO JIH PAO AS SAYING BULL HAD CONFESSED TO COLLECTING SECRET INFORMATION, PHOTOGRAPHING MILITARY OBJECTIVES AND COMPILING A MAP OF MAJOR ROADS OF SIKANG, A CHINESE PROVINCE ON THE TIBETAN BORDER.

BULL TOLD NEWSMEN IN THE BRITISH CROWN COLONY OF HONG KONG LAST SATURDAY THAT THE CHINESE CAPTURED HIM ON THE SINO-TIBETAN BORDER IN OCTOBER, 1950, AND HAD KEPT HIM IN PRISON SINCE. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHY HE HAD BEEN HELD.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID IN DECEMBER, 1950, THAT BULL AND ANOTHER ENGLISHMAN, ROBERT FORD, WERE SEIZED WHEN CHINESE TROOPS OVERRAN CHANDO, TIBET. THE BRITISH PROTESTED TO CHINA ABOUT THEIR CAPTURE.

IN HONG KONG, BULL SAID LAST MONDAY HE HAD SEEN FORD IN A CHINESE JAIL. FORD IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF A TIBETAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADER. WHEN CAPTURED FORD WAS EMPLOYED BY THE TIBETAN GOVERNMENT AS A RADIO OPERATOR.

THE LONDON PROTESTANT MISSIONARY SAID HE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTENSE QUESTIONING OVER A LONG PERIOD. HE ALSO TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD ACTED AS AN INTERPRETER IN A COMMUNIST COURT.

MT240PES

1953

A128 (260)

BY SEYMOUR TOPPING

LONDON, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER SAID TODAY "IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC MOVES ARE AFOOT" AS THE RESULT OF A LUNCHEON MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK. THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES HERE OR IN MOSCOW.

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THE TWO MET YESTERDAY AFTER MALIK FIRST CONFERRED WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN. THE WORKER SAID MALIK WOULD SOON FLY TO MOSCOW TO REPORT.

AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW, QUOTED THE BRITISH EMBASSY THERE AS SAYING IT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT MALIK BRINGING PREMIER MALENKOV A MESSAGE FROM CHURCHILL.

BOTH THE EMBASSY AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE HERE DENIED A PUBLISHED REPORT WHICH SAID BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR WILLIAM HAYTER HAD ALREADY DELIVERED A PERSONAL CHURCHILL MESSAGE TO MALENKOV NOV. 28.

THE WORKER INTIMATED YESTERDAY'S TALKS HAD TO DO WITH THE FORTHCOMING BERLIN MEETING OF THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

"A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE FORTHCOMING FOUR-POWER TALKS IN BERLIN HAD TAKEN PLACE," THE WORKER SAID.

ALL OF THIS WAS NEWS TO SPOKESMEN AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND AT CHURCHILL'S OFFICE AT 10 DOWNING STREET. THEY SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT PASSED BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MALIK WHEN THEY SAT DOWN TO LUNCH AT CHEQUERS, CHURCHILL'S OFFICIAL COUNTRY RESIDENCE.

LADY CHURCHILL WAS PRESENT AND THE OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED GEORGI RODIONOV, THE SOVIET EMBASSY'S FIRST SECRETARY; BRITISH MINISTER OF LABOR SIR WALTER MONCKTON; CAPT. CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, CHURCHILL'S SON-IN-LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY.

THE CHURCHILL-MALIK TALKS RECEIVED ONLY SCANT ATTENTION IN OTHER BRITISH PAPERS ALTHOUGH SOME SPECULATED THAT MALIK MIGHT HAVE DROPPED A HINT AS TO WHAT THE KREMLIN'S REPLY WILL BE TO THE WEST'S DEC. 8 NOTE PROPOSING A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE ON JAN. 4.

RUSSIA HAS ALREADY AGREED TO SUCH A PARLEY IN BERLIN BUT MUST STILL OKAY THE WEST'S DATE.

A RUSSIAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS STILL "INDEFINITE" AS TO WHEN MALIK WILL BE GOING BACK TO MOSCOW.

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1953

A112

LONDON, DEC. 24 (AP)-A CHINESE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN MOSCOW TODAY TO NEGOTIATE A SOVIET-CHINESE TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1954, MOSCOW RADIO REPORTED TONIGHT.

THE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY YEH CHI-CHUANG, CHINESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. THE KREMLIN SENT ITS DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, SERGEI A. BORISOV, AND OTHER TRADE OFFICIALS TO THE AIRPORT TO MEET HIM.

ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF RED CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE IS WITH RUSSIA AND HER SATELLITES. RUSSIA SENDS THE CHINESE MAINLY HEAVY MACHINERY AND OTHER CAPITAL GOODS AND THE CHINESE SEND RUSSIA MAINLY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

QR1034PES

A161

LONDON, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE NORTH KOREAN PARLIAMENT TODAY RELIEVED TWO TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THEIR POSTS, PYONGYANG RADIO REPORTED.

A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT SAID "AT THE SESSION OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO RELIEVE HONG KI JWU OF HIS POST OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND SIMILARLY TO RELIEVE KIM TAL HYUN OF HIS POST OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY."

DEPUTIES KIM YN GI AND LI KOK NO WERE APPOINTED TO REPLACE HONG KI JWU AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, IT ADDED. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY REPLACEMENT FOR KIM TAL HYUN.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SHAKE-UP CAME ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER KIM DAR HEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY, WAS RELIEVED OF HIS APPOINTMENT. DEPUTY LI EN WAS NAMED IN HIS PLACE.

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30.24- 16185

B44 Q

BERLIN, DEC.24 (AP)-THE COMMUNISTS PROPOSED TODAY THAT EAST AND WEST BERLIN NAME A JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO "CREATE DEMOCRATIC ATMOSPHERE" FOR THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HERE. THE WEST COLD SHOULDERED THE IDEA IMMEDIATELY.

MAYOR FRITZ EBERT OF THE SOVIET SECTOR ADVANCED THE SUGGESTION IN A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. DR.HANS HIRSHFELD, SPOKESMAN FOR THE WEST BERLIN CITY GOVERNMENT, REPLIED:

"WE DO NOT NEED ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM NOR DO WE REGARD THEM (THE COMMUNIST REGIME) AS PROPERLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR PEOPLE. ALL WE NEED HERE IS FREE ELECTIONS."

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A156

1953

BERLIN, DEC. 24 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER OTTO GROTEWOHL OF COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY HAS RETURNED TO BERLIN FROM A SIX WEEK VISIT TO SOVIET RUSSIA.

DURING HIS VISIT, OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AS A VACATION TRIP, GROTEWOHL WAS RECEIVED BY SOVIET PREMIER MALENKOV. HE PRESUMABLY CONFERRED IN MOSCOW ON EAST GERMANY'S FUTURE AND POLICY MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECTED FOUR POWER CONFERENCE IN BERLIN NEXT MONTH.

MJ1235PES

A110

KARLSRUHE, GERMANY, DEC. 24 (AP)-AN EXAMINING JUDGE OF THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT HERE TODAY ORDERED THE RELEASE OF OSKAR MUELLER, FORMER COMMUNIST DEPUTY OF THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT. HE WAS ARRESTED LAST MONDAY ON SUSPICION OF PLOTTING AGAINST THE BONN GOVERNMENT.

THE JUDGE DIRECTED MUELLER TO REPORT TO POLICE REGULARLY WHILE CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST HIM.

QR1030PES

B52 Q (200)

1953

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WIESBADEN, GERMANY, DEC.24 (AP)-EPISCOPAL BISHOP AUSTIN PARDUE OF PITTSBURGH, PA., SAID TODAY THAT CONDITIONS AT ONE U.S. AIR FORCE BASE IN FRANCE ARE WORSE THAN THOSE HE ENCOUNTERED DURING A TOUR OF KOREA LAST WINTER.

BISHOP PARDUE IS MAKING A MONTH LONG TOUR OF AIR FORCE BASES IN GERMANY, FRANCE, ENGLAND AND NORTH AFRICA.

IN AN INTERVIEW TODAY, HE SAID THAT THE U.S. 38TH BOMBER WING HEADQUARTERS BASE AT LAON, FRANCE IS "AS BAD AS ANY I SAW IN KOREA. THEY'RE STILL SLEEPING IN WINTERIZED TENTS. THE BOYS FACE TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTIES, BUT THEY HAVE VERY GOOD OFFICERS.

"THE PEOPLE BACK HOME, HAVE NO IDEA WHAT A COMPLICATED OPERATION THIS IS. IT'S OUR LIFELINE AGAINST COMMUNISM.

"THE BOYS AREN'T HERE ON A EUROPEAN VACATION.

"AIR FORCE PROBLEMS IN GERMANY ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THAN THEY WERE IN KOREA. YOU'RE DEALING WITH OCCUPATION FORCES HERE AND THEY HAVE VAST PROBLEMS AND GRAVE COMPLICATIONS. IT IS INFINITELY HARDER TO OPERATE AN OCCUPATION ARMY THAN A COMBAT ARMY. A COMBAT ARMY IS FULL OF ESPIRIT DE CORPS AND MORALE."

THE BISHOP PLANS TO HOLD TWO CHRISTMAS SERVICES TONIGHT AND ONE TOMORROW.

HE IS MAKING THE TOUR AT THE INVITATION OF THE AIR FORCE. HIS SON, PETER, IS A JET PILOT AT MCCOND FIELD, ~~AUSTRIA~~. ~~NS~~. TAMPA, FLA. MD1106AES

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 24 (AP)-A SOVIET SOLDIER APPARENTLY DRUNK CREATED A CHRISTMAS EVE PANIC TONIGHT BY SHOOTING AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDING TWO ELDERLY AUSTRIAN WOMEN IN A COFFEE HOUSE BEFORE TURNING HIS GUN ON HIMSELF.

POLICE SAID THE SOLDIER SUFFERED A CHEST WOUND. HE WAS ARRESTED BY A SOVIET MILITARY PATROL AND TAKEN TO A RED ARMY HOSPITAL.

THE POLICE SAID THE SOLDIER FIRED A NUMBER OF SHOTS AT THE WIFE OF THE COFFEE HOUSE OWNER AND HER SERVANT, THEN WENT OUTSIDE AND CREATED A PANIC AMONG PASSERSBY BY SHOOTING ON THE STREET.

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(460)

PMS BUDGET

BERIA

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BY RICHARD R. KASISCHKE

MOSCOW, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION CLOSED THE BOOKS TODAY ON LAVRENTY P. BERIA. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE LONG-TIME BOSS OF THE SECRET POLICE (MVD) AND SIX OF HIS HENCHMEN WERE SHOT BY A FIRING SQUAD YESTERDAY AFTER A SECRET FIVE-DAY TRIAL. THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT FOUND THEM GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON.

BERIA, 54, HELD THE SOVIET UNION'S HIGHEST HONORS AND HAD BEEN ELEVATED TO THE NO. 2 KREMLIN POST OF FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER AND INTERIOR MINISTER AFTER JOSEPH STALIN DIED NINE MONTHS AGO. THREE MONTHS LATER, IN JUNE, PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV'S GOVERNMENT ARRESTED HIM AND DENOUNCED HIM AS A TRAITOR TO THE STATE AND COMMUNISM.

THE EXECUTION ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY WAS THE FIRST DISCLOSURE THAT BERIA'S TRIAL HAD BEEN GOING ON SINCE FRIDAY BEHIND LOCKED DOORS.

THE HEARING OPENED TWO DAYS AFTER THE SOVIET PRESS PUBLISHED INDICTMENTS AGAINST BERIA AND ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THE SIX OTHER DEFENDANTS. THE PAPERS AT THE SAME TIME STARTED BLASTING THE SEVEN AS THE VILEST KIND OF BETRAYERS AND REPORTED THAT MASS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WERE UNANIMOUSLY CALLING FOR THEIR DEATHS.

(IN PAST CASES OF EXECUTED TRAITORS, THE BODIES HAVE BEEN CREMATED AND DISPOSED OF WITHOUT FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT.)

THE EIGHT-MAN TRIBUNAL, UNDER MARSHAL IVAN S. KONEV, A WORLD WAR II HERO, PASSED SENTENCE AFTER "THE GUILT OF ALL THE ACCUSED WAS COMPLETELY PROVED IN COURT BY THE EVIDENCE AND ALSO BY ORAL AND WRITTEN CONFESSIONS," THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA SAID.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID BERIA AND THOSE WHO HAD CONSPIRED WITH HIM TRIED "TO PUT THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ABOVE THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEIZING POWER" AND AIMED "FOR RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM."

AS EARLY AS 1919 BERIA "OCCUPIED THE POST OF SECRET AGENT" IN AZERBAIJAN, ACTING WITH GROUPS "UNDER THE CONTROL OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ORGANS," THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID. IT ADDED:

"IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS UP TO HIS ARREST, L.P. BERIA CONTINUED AND EXTENDED HIS SECRET CONNECTIONS WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES."

AFTER BERIA BECAME INTERIOR MINISTER, THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUED, HE PROMOTED HIS GROUP OF PLOTTERS IN THE MVD, TRIED TO SOW HATRED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC AND OTHER SOVIET GROUPS AND SABOTAGED MEASURES AIMED AT RAISING THE NATION'S LIVING STANDARDS. IN ADDITION, IT WAS CHARGED, BERIA AND HIS ACCOMPLICES "COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY FEARED WOULD EXPOSE THEM."

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PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE EXECUTED MEN WAS CONFISCATED AND THEY WERE STRIPPED OF ALL MILITARY TITLES AND AWARDS. THESE INCLUDED BERIA'S ORDER OF LENIN--THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S HIGHEST AWARD--AND HIS MILITARY RANK OF MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION. THIS WAS THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE RANK BELOW STALIN.

SHOT ALONG WITH BERIA WERE VSEVOLOD MERKULOV, MINISTER OF STATE CONTROL; V.G. DEKANAZOV, SECRET POLICE CHIEF IN STALIN'S AND BERIA'S

HOME STATE OF GEORGIA; D.Z. KOBULOV, EX-DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS; S.A. GOGLIDZE, INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHIEF IN THE SOVIET FAR EAST; P.Y. MESHIK, INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER IN THE UKRAINE, AND L.E. VLODZIMIRSKY, INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS CHIEF.

BERIA HAD BEEN IN POLICE WORK EVER SINCE THE BOLSHEVIKS CAME TO POWER. IN THE EARLY DAYS HE WAS A POWERFUL FIGURE IN THE TRANSCAUCASUS, WHICH INCLUDES THE REPUBLICS OF AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA AND GEORGIA. HE WAS MADE A FULL MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO AFTER WORLD WAR II.

FIRST NEWS OF THE TRIALS AND EXECUTIONS APPEARED IN THIS MORNING'S EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA. EARLY IN THE MORNING, MOSCOW RADIO BEGAN TELLING THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF THE NEWS THROUGH ITS REGULAR FOREIGN BROADCAST IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES. THESE BROADCASTS ALSO REPORTED THE STORIES TO BE PUBLISHED IN PROVINCIAL PAPERS ON "THE WRATH AND INDIGNATION OF COLLECTIVE FARMERS CAUSED BY THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE DESPICABLE TRAITOR BERIA AND HIS GANG."

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LONDON, DEC. 24 (AP)-MOSCOW RADIO SAID TONIGHT THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE JUBILANT OVER THE EXECUTION OF LAVRENTY P. BERIA.

THOUSANDS OF SOVIET CITIZENS HELD MASS MEETINGS IN FACTORIES, OFFICES AND SCHOOLS AND ON COLLECTIVE FARMS TO VOICE "PROFOUND SATISFACTION" WITH THE CONVICTION AND SHOOTING OF THE FORMER SECRET POLICE CHIEF, THE BROADCAST REPORTED.

NEWS OF THE MEETINGS WAS DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TASS TO EVERY NEWSPAPER IN THE SOVIET UNION.

IVAN PETROVSKY, RECTOR OF MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, SPOKE ON THE MOSCOW RADIO TO HAIL THE EXECUTION AND DECLARE BERIA AND SIX OTHERS SHOT WITH HIM "HAVE RECEIVED THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVED."

JF/WB632PES

A36

(140)

MOSCOW, DEC. 24 (AP)-PRAVDA ACCUSED U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TODAY OF TWISTING THE MEANING OF THE SOVIET DECLARATION ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL TO POOL ATOMIC MATERIALS.

DULLES SAID IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY THAT RUSSIA "SEEMS NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT" OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S INVITATION TO JOIN WITH OTHER NATIONS IN PLANS FOR PEACEFUL ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HAS MADE IT EVIDENT "THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC DEBATE."

DULLES REFERRED TO THE SOVIETS' QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. ATOMIC PLAN, IN WHICH THEY AGAIN RAISED THEIR DEMAND FOR A BAN ON ATOMIC WEAPONS.

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PRAVDA RETORTED TODAY: "THIS STATEMENT BY DULLES CONVINCES ONE THAT HE DISTORTS THE MEANING OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION AND THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN IT."

U.S. OFFICIALS, THE PAPER ADDED, "PERSISTENTLY ATTEMPT TO BYPASS THE MEANING OF THE U.S.S.R. PROPOSALS ABOUT NATIONS TAKING A SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGE NOT TO USE ATOMIC, HYDROGEN OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."

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MOSCOW, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE NEWSPAPER KAZAKHSTAN PRAVDA SAID TODAY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THAT CENTRAL ASIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC HAS APPROVED SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FARMERS SUCCESSFULLY WINTERING ANIMALS.

THIS IS PART OF A UNION-WIDE DRIVE TO INCREASE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE MORE MEAT FOR THE CONSUMER.

THE PAPER, WHICH ARRIVED IN MOSCOW TODAY, SAID THE COUNCIL AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN KAZAKHSTAN APPROVED AWARD OF RED BANNERS AND FINANCIAL PRIZES TO COLLECTIVE FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS, MACHINE TRACTOR OPERATORS AND LIVESTOCK WORKERS WHO BRING ANIMALS THROUGH THE AREA'S TOUGH WINTER.

THE CASH PRIZES RANGE FROM 500 TO 2,000 RUBLES ($125 TO $500).

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1953

A150

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO, DEC. 24 (AP)-A BOMB EXPLODED IN A BUTCHER SHOP IN CASABLANCA'S CENTRAL MARKET TODAY, KILLING 16 PERSONS. THIRTY OTHERS WERE INJURED.

POLICE SEARCHED THE CROWDED MARKET AREA FOR MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWED ISTIQLAL PARTY, A GROUP OF NATIONALISTS WHO SEEK INDEPENDENCE FOR MOROCCO.

IN OTHER VIOLENCE IN RABAT, CAPITAL OF THIS FRENCH PROTECTORATE, A 45-YEAR-OLD NATIVE POLICEMAN WAS SLAIN. THE KILLER ESCAPED.

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A193

JERUSALEM, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE U.N. MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TODAY BLAMED ISRAEL FOR AN ATTACK ON THE ARAB TOWN OF HEBRON, KILLING THREE PEOPLE.

A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COMMISSION ON A MAJORITY VOTE CALLED UPON ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO APPREHEND THE CRIMINALS AND MEASURES TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE.

THE U.N. HAD THIS REPORT:

THE ATTACK WAS MADE AT 4 A.M. DEC. 21 ON A HOUE ABOUT NINE MILES INSIDE JORDAN TERRITORY WITH EXPLOSIVES AND HAND GRENADES. A PREGNANT WOMAN WAS KILLED AND HER HUSBAND SERIOUSLY INJURED. DURING THE WITHDRAWAL TWO MEN WERE KILLED.

K241PES

B101 (Q)

(300)

NIGHT LEAD NEHRU

BY SELIG HARRISON

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 24 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER NEHRU TODAY DECLARED COMMUNIST CHINA HAS PULLED MOST OF ITS TROOPS OUT OF TIBET. HE CHALLENGED OPPOSITION CLAIMS THE REDS WERE MASSING ALONG THE 2,000-MILE COMMON HIMALAYAN BORDER.

NEHRU TOLD THE UPPER CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT "IT IS A COMPLETELY MISTAKEN NOTION" THAT TIBET IS BEING MADE A BASE FOR ATTACK ON INDIA.

HE SPOKE AT THE WIND-UP OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WON A SOLID VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM BOTH HOUSES.

NEHRU GAVE HIS REPORT ON TIBET AFTER AN OPPOSITION DEPUTY IN THE LOWR HOUSE--LANKA SUNDARAM--WARNED THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO LET ITS FEAR OF "POSSIBLE U.S. MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN" TAKE ITS ATTENTION FROM INDIA'S HIMALAYAN FRONTIER, WHERE HE DECLARED 60,000 TO 100,000 RED TROOPS ARE MASSED.

NEHRU SAID HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH EVENTS THROUGHOUT TIBET, BECAUSE OF LACK OF NEWS OR DIPLOMATIC REPORTS FROM THAT MOUNTAINOUS LAND.

BUT, HE ADDED, REPORTS REACHING HIM INDICATED "SUCH CHINESE TROOPS AS WERE THERE (TIBET) HAVE BEEN LESSENED BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF FEEDING THEM IN THAT MOST INHOSPITABLE COUNTRY."

NEHRU SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THE CHINESE WERE BUILDING AIR FIELDS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF TIBET, BUT THAT THE ONLY WAY OF GETTING ACROSS OTHERWISE INACCESSIBLE REGIONS IS FROM TIBET.

NEHRU, WHO ONLY YESTERDAY DELIVERED A SLASHING ATTACK ON PROJECTED U.S. MILITARY AID FOR PAKISTAN, SAID HE WAS SURE THE U.S. OFFER OF SUCH

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AID WAS NOT THE RESULT OF ANY AMERICAN UNFRIENDLINESS TOWARDS INDIA.

HE SAID HE ACCEPTED THE GOOD FAITH OF THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN, BUT THAT AS A FRIEND OF BOTH, HE FELT COMPELLED TO SPEAK OF THE DANGERS OF THAT MOVE.

EARLIER TODAY THE UNITED STATES SIGNED A NEW AID PACT GIVING INDIA 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUY RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES AND FREIGHT CARS. U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE V. ALLEN STRESSED THAT INDIA WAS FREE TO SPEND THE MONEY ANY WAY IT LIKED, THUS SPIKING REPORTS THAT THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

REPORTS FROM BOMBAY SAID VILLAGE COUNCILS IN WESTERN INDIA--INFLAMED OVER REPORTS OF PLANNED U.S. AID FOR PAKISTAN--HAD DEMANDED A BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN GOODS IN INDIA.

MJ348PES

A115 (150)

NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC.24 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES GAVE INDIA 20 MILLION DOLLARS TODAY TO BUY RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES AND FREIGHT CARS.

U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE V. ALLEN SIGNED THE NEW AID PACT JUST ONE DAY AFTER PRIME MINISTER NEHRU DELIVERED A SLASHING PARLIAMENTARY ATTACK ON PROJECTED U.S. MILITARY AID TO NEIGHBORING PAKISTAN.

ALLEN STRESSED THAT INDIA WAS FREE TO SPEND THE MONEY ANYWHERE SHE LIKED, THUS SETTING AT REST RUMORS THAT THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS FOR AN EVEN LARGER GRANT TO PERMIT INDIA TO BUY AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT.

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SAID THE AID AGREEMENT WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY FOUR FACTORS:

1. IT WAS THE LARGEST SINGLE AMOUNT GIVEN INDIA SO FAR UNDER THE U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
2. IT WAS THE FIRST STRAIGHT ECONOMIC AID AS DISTINGUISHED FROM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.
3. IT WAS THE FIRST ALLOCATION UNDER THE CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL GRANT TO INDIA TOTALLING $89,100,000.
4. IT WAS THE FIRST GRANT FOR RAILWAY REHABILITATION UNDER INDIA'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

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B66 (Q)

SAIGON, DEC. 24 (AP)-PRINCE BUU LOC, WHO HAS BEEN ASKED BY CHIEF OF STATE BAO DAI TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT, ARRIVED HERE BY PLANE TODAY AND CALLED ON ALL NATIONALISTS TO FORM A NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT TO MEET "THE GRAVE SITUATION" IN VIET NAM.

THE PRINCE WAS WELCOMED AT THE AIRPORT BY MOST OF THE MINISTERS IN THE FORMER GOVERNMENT OF NGUYEN VAN TAM, BUT TAM, WHO RESIGNED LAST WEEK, AFTER A DISPUTE WITH BAO DAI, WAS ABSENT.

BUU LOC SAID HE WOULD LEAVE LATER TODAY FOR DALAT WHERE HE WILL CONFER WITH BAO DAI BEFORE OPENING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRINCIPAL NATIONALIST LEADERS.

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B100 (Q)

NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINA (310)

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE FRENCH HIGH COMMAND TODAY REPORTED THE SMASHING OF A COMMUNIST AMBUSH BY FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE RED RIVER DELTA.

A COMMUNIQUE SAID 196 VIETMINH WERE KILLED AND 145 CAPTURED.

FRENCH TANKS, MOBILE ARTILLERY UNITS AND FIGHTER PLANES JOINED IN THE FIGHT LASTING SEVERAL HOURS TO SMASH NEARLY 1,000 OF THE VIETMINH NEAR THAI BINH, 55 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI.

FRANCO-VIETNAMESE TROOPS FELL INTO THE AMBUSH BY REGULAR VIETMINH SOLDIERS WHILE SEEKING REBEL UNITS AFTER A BIG SWEEP THROUGH 500 VILLAGES IN THE THAI BINH SECTOR.

THE FRENCH ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FRANCO-VIETNAMESE LOSSES WERE "LIGHT" IN BEATING OFF THE REBELS, WHO WERE FINALLY FORCED TO FLEE UNDER AIR STRAFING AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

THE FRENCH ANNOUNCED TMAT WITH THE LOSSES INFLICTED UPON THE REBELS IN THE AMBUSH THEY HAD, SINCE STARTING THE CLEANUP DRIVE IN THE THAI BINH SECTOR ON DEC. 13, KILLED 400 VIETMINH, CAPTURED 68 AND ROUNDED UP 2,027 MEN SUSPECTED OF AIDING VIETMINH TROOPS.

THE FRENCH SAID THE AMBUSH CAME SHORTLY AFTER DAWN YESTERDAY AND HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF ARMORED REINFORCEMENTS AND FRENCH FIGHTERS.

THE FRENCH REPORTED SEIZING SCORES OF RIFLES AND MACHINEGUNS ABANDONED BY THE VIETMINH AS THEY TOOK TO THEIR HEELS AND FLED INTO RICEFIELDS.

FRENCH UNION TROOPS WERE CONTINUING TO SWEEP THE VILLAGES TO DESTROY ARMS AND RICE SUPPLIES HIDDEN UNDERGOUND BY THE VIETMINH.

ASIDE FROM THIS CLEANUP, THERE WAS NO MAJOR ACTION REPORTED ANYWHERE IN NORTHERN INDOCHINA.

IN SAIGON, THE FRENCH COMMAND ANNOUNCED THAT TWO BATTALIONS OF VIETMINH REGULARS CAPTURED THE FRENCH-HELD PPOST OF NAPHAO IN LAOS.

THE PEIPING RADIO CLAIMED THAT LOCAL RED FORCES IN INDOCHINA "WON A SERIES OF VICTORIES" IN THE SEVEN DAYS ENDING DEC. 19.

A BROADCAST HEARD IN LONDON SAID 20 FRENCH SOLDIERS, INCLUDING A COMMANDING OFFICER, WERE KILLED NEAR NAM DINH IN THE RED RIVER DELTA ON DEC. 13, 250 TROOPS WERE KILLED NEAR PHAT DIEN ON DEC. 18, AND A TRAIN WAS BLOWN UP BY GUERILLAS NEAR THE GIALAM AIRPORT, TEN MILES SOUTH OF HANOI, ON DEC. 15.

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B47 (Q)

HONG KONG, DEC.24 (AP)-DALE PAYTON, OF ST.LOUIS, MO., AND LEIGH A.WAX, OF MIAMI, FLA., INJURED IN THE CRASH HERE ON TUESDAY OF A U.S. NAVY NEPTUNE BOMBER, WERE DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL YESTERDAY. THE PLANE CRASHED AND BURNED ON HONG KONG'S KAITAK AIRFIELD.

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B43 Q

HONG KONG, DEC.24 (AP)-MA KWONG HSI, THE BRIDE WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A MAN, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX WEEKS IN JAIL TODAY.

MA, WHO MARRIED LEONG CHIH HUNG AND MANAGED TO KEEP HIS SEX SECRET FOR 10 DAYS WHILE HE SWINDLED LEONG OUT OF 26 HONG KONG DOLLARS (ABOUT $5), WENT TO JAIL FOR TAKING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

MAGISTRATE HING SING LO RULED THAT NO OTHER LAW HAD BEEN VIOLATED.

MA, SMALL AND PERT, TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD BEEN WEARING WOMEN'S CLOTHING SINCE HE WAS THREE.

HE WAS WORKING AS AN AMAH (FEMALE SERVANT) WHEN LEONG WOOED AND WON HIM.

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A80FX

SEOUL, DEC. 24 (AP)-ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ARRIVED TODAY FOR A HURRIED TWO-DAY INSPECTION TRIP.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY STATE DEPARTMENT ENVOY WALTER S. ROBERTSON. BOTH ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT RAMON MAGSAYSAY DEC. 30.

RADFORD AND ROBERTSON MET WITH SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE.
TOMORROW RADFORD WILL MAKE A LENGTHY HELICOPTER AND LIGHT PLANE INSPECTION TOUR AND WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH SOLDIERS PICKED FROM AMERICAN DIVISIONS IN KOREA.
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B62 Q (100)

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KX FOR APW

RANGOON, BURMA, DEC.24 (AP)-THE NEW TIMES OF BURMA CLAIMED TODAY THAT BRITISH AND JAPANESE MILITARY STRATEGISTS AND TECHNICIANS, UNDER THE COMMAND OF A BRITON, ARE HELPING KAREN REBELS FIGHT GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE HLAINGBWE AREA NORTH OF MOULMEIN IN SOUTHERN BURMA.

THE BRITISH LANGUAGE PAPER SAID THE BRITISH COMMANDER WAS FORMERLY AN OFFICER WITH THE KAREN RIFLES OF THE BURMESE ARMY. IT GAVE THESE ADDED DETAILS:

JAPANESE AND BRITISH OFFICERS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE HLAINGBWE AREA, WHERE THE KARENS ARE MAINLY CONCENTRATED. THE BURMESE ARMY HAS LAUNCHED ITS WINTER OFFENSIVE TO CLEAR THE AREA.

FOUR JAPANESE TECHNICIANS MAN A REBEL WIRELESS STATION WHILE TWO OTHERS WORK IN THE SUPREME KAREN HEADQUARTERS IN THE TOWN OF HLAINGBWE ITSELF.

BURMESE BOMBERS HAVE KILLED MORE THAN 100 KARENS IN A RAID ON A REBEL HEADQUARTER AT PAPUN, 70 MILES NORTH OF MOULMEIN.

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B65 (Q) (160)

SINGAPORE, DEC. 24 (AP)-FIVE LIVING SKELETONS--ONE A WOMAN--ARRIVED AT SINGAPORE TODAY AFTER BEING PICKED UP UNCONSCIOUS FROM A FRAIL CRAFT IN WHICH THEY HAD SPENT 30 FEAR-FILLED DAYS IN THE SHARK-INFESTED INDIAN OCEAN.

THEIR ORDEAL ENDED WHEN THEY WERE RESCUED BY THE JAPANESE CARGO SHIP, KYOSHIN MARU.

KO SAN PO, LEADER OF THE FIVE, ALL BURMESE, EXPLAINED THEY HAD LEFT A SMALL PORT NEAR THE LOWER BURMESE TOWN OF BASSEIN AND HEADED FOR RANGOON ON NOV. 19TH WITH A CARGO OF NGAPI--A KIND OF ORIENTAL ANCHOVY.

THEY WERE CAUGHT IN A HEAVY STORM, AND THE BOAT WAS SWEPT OUT TO SEA. IT WAS UNCONTROLLABLE AND DRIFTED AT THE MERCY OF THE WAVES.

AFTER THE 20TH DAY, KO WENT ON, THEY BECAME UNCONSCIOUS AND REMEMBERED NOTHING MORE UNTIL REVIVED ABOARD THE JAPANESE SHIP.

CAPT. MINORU YAMAMOTO OF THE KYOSHIN MARU SAID THE BURMESE WERE CARRIED ABOARD. FOR THE FIRST DAY, THEY WERE GIVEN ONLY GLUCOSE AND WATER, BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO WEAK TO DIGEST SOLID FOOD.

NOW THE BURMESE CONSULATE IS CARING FOR THEM, AND A CONSULATE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WILL BE SHIPPED HOME IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE STEAMER.

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TOKYO, FRIDAY, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE COMMUNIST PEIPING RADIO TODAY SUSPENDED ITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS FOR ONE DAY IN AN APPARENT OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SAYING SO.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID ONLY:

"ATTENTION: HSIN HUA (NEW CHINA) ENGLISH LANGUAGE MORSECAST TRANSMISSION BEGINNING AT 5 A... (3 P.M. THURSDAY, EST) WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ONE DAY. THE TRANSMISSION WILL BE RESUMED ON DEC. 26."

THE RED RADIO NORMALLY POURS OUT 10,000 TO 12,000 WORDS OF PROPAGANDA IN ENGLISH DAILY.

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A37FX (KX)

TOKYO, DEC. 24 (AP)-JAPAN'S MINISTER OF JUSTICE PLEDGED IN THE NATIONAL DIET TODAY TO PROTEST TO THE UNITED STATES IF AMERICAN TROOPS THROW ANY MORE JAPANESE INTO TOKYO'S CANALS.

ONE JAPANESE WAS DROWNED AND ANOTHER WAS RESCUED RECENTLY AFTER THEY HAD BEEN PITCHED FROM THE SUKIYABASHI BRIDGE BY ROWDY AMERICANS IN UNIFORM.

THE INCIDENTS HAVE OUTRAGED PUBLIC OPINION.

JUSTICE MINISTER TAKERU INUKAI WAS QUESTIONED IN PARLIAMENT TODAY BY A LEFT-WING SOCIALIST MEMBER, YOSHITARO SHIMOKAWA, ON WHAT ACTION THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN.

"THESE WERE OUTRAGEOUS INCIDENTS," INUKAI SAID.

"I THINK THEY STEMMED FROM THE CHILDISHNESS OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS CONCERNED AND ALSO FROM A SUPERIORITY COMPLEX CONTINUING FROM THE DAYS OF THE OCCUPATION.

"THE FIRST INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PROVOKED....BUT THE SECOND INCIDENT INVOLVED A PERFECTLY INNOCENT JAPANESE.

"THE METROPOLITAN POLICE BOARD STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE U.S. ARMY. THE ARMY SINCERELY APOLOGIZED AND HELPED THE JAPANESE POLICE EXAMINE 2,500 SOLDIERS--INCLUDING SOME BROUGHT BACK FROM HAWAII."

MOST OF THE TOKYO PAPERS PUBLISHED PICTURES OF POLICE PRACTICING IN RESCUE BOATS WITH LIFE RINGS.

A DETACHMENT OF POLICE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO HOLIDAY DUTY AT VARIOUS BRIDGES. ONE BARGE WILL BE ON DUTY. LIFE PRESERVERS WILL ADORN THE BRIDGE RAILS.

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A78FX

TOKYO, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TODAY RETURNING TO JAPAN THE AMAMI OSHIMA ISLANDS.

THE UNITED STATES HAD HELD THE ISLANDS UNDER A TRUSTEESHIP SINCE WORLD WAR II.

THE SMALL ISLANDS HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 200,000 PERSONS. THEY LIE BETWEEN JAPAN AND AND OKINAWA.

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1953

(120)

TOKYO, FRIDAY, DEC. 25 (AP)-TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN FROM KOREA DISAPPEARED OVER JAPAN IN THEIR T33 JET LAST NIGHT AFTER THEY APPARENTLY HAD OVERSHOT TOKYO AND RAN OUT OF FUEL.

AN AIR-SEA SEARCH WAS STARTED AT DAWN.

THE SHOOTING STAR TYPE TRAINER FLEW FROM AN AIRBASE NEAR SEOUL TO A BASE IN SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN, THEN TOOK OFF FOR TOKYO.

THE FAR EAST AIR FORCES SAID THE PLANE WAS SPOTTED OFF COURSE BY TOKYO RADAR AND AN F94 SPITFIRE WITH RADAR WAS SENT ALOFT AT 6:40 A.M. TO GUIDE IT IN.

BUT THE T33 CREW RADIOED THE PLANE HAD A FLAMEOUT. IT TURNED SOUTH AND WAS LOST TO RADAR, SUGGESTING THE PILOT MIGHT HAVE ATTEMPTED A DITCHING OVER WATER.

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BY A. I. GOLDBERG

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 24 (AP)-THE MILLION DOLLAR LOYALTY HUNT IN THE U.N. IS EXPECTED TO WIND UP HERE EARLY NEXT MONTH WITH A REASONABLY CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH FOR AMERICAN U.N. EMPLOYES.

BOTH U.N. AND U.S. SOURCES SAID TODAY THEY FEEL NO RED INFLUENCES WILL SHOW UP IN THE FINAL SUMMING UP OF FBI AND U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PROBINGS.

MOST OF THOSE SUSPECTED OF COMMUNIST LINKS WERE DISPOSED OF BY FIRINGS OR RESIGNATIONS BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION STARTED AND THE QUESTION OF PAYING 11 AMERICANS MORE THAN $130,000 IN DISMISSAL DAMAGES IS TO BE DECIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

ONE WOMAN WAS FIRED AFTER SHE REFUSED TO FILL OUT THE REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE.

A U.N. SOURCE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED SOME DEROGATORY INFORMATION WOULD EMERGE ABOUT THE PAST OF SOME EMPLOYES--IN ONE CASE AN OLD CONVICTION OF COMMITTING A NUISANCE IN A NEW YORK SUBWAY STATION--BUT NOTHING WAS INDICATED NOW THAT WOULD BLACKEN ANY SIZABLE PORTION OF THE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT.

THE REPORTS ON MORE THAN 1,700 QUESTIONNAIRES AND SETS OF FINGERPRINTS FURNISHED BY U.S. CITIZENS ON THE U.N. PAYROLL SHOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY AFTER THE END OF THE YEAR, A U.S. SOURCE SAID.

MOST OF THEM ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD. THE U.N. LET IT BE KNOWN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT, UP TO THAT TIME, NO CASES HAD SHOWED UP WHICH HINTED AT DISLOYALTY, SUBVERSION, OR POLITICAL MISCONDUCT.

WHEN THE INVESTIGATION GOT UNDERWAY LAST SPRING, U.S. DELEGATE HENRY CABOT LODGE JR. TOLD CONGRESS THAT HE WAS HAVING U.S. EMPLOYES AT THE U.N. LINED UP AND WOULD HAVE ANY CCOMMUNISTS IN THEIR RANKS CLEANED OUT BY MID-AUTUMN.

HE ASKED FOR AND GOT--AFTER SOME DELAY--A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE INVESTIGATION.

A U.S. SOURCE SAID THAT ONE REASON FOR INVESTIGATION SLOWDOWN WAS THAT NUMEROUS INQUIRIES HAD TO BE MADE OVERSEAS.

THE SOURCE SAID ALSO THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS WERE BEING MADE CAREFULLY, NOT ONLY FOR THE MAIN PURPOSE OF SPOTTING COMMUNITS IF THERE WERE ANY ON THE PAYROLL BUT ALSO WITH CARE FOR THE RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL.

DESPITE THE SLOWDOWN ONE SOURCE EMPHASIZED, LODGE'S MAJOR PROMISE OF PROTECTING THE UNITED STATES FROM POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVES IN THE U.N. HAS BEEN EFFECTED. A U.S. REPORT ON THE SITUATION MAY BE MADE BY LODGE OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, HE SAID.

A COMPLAINT OF FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF SURVEILLANCE IN "EXTRATERRITORIAL" PLACES SUCH AS THE MONETARY FUND--WHERE THE LATE HARRY DEXTER WHITE WORKED--DID NOT APPLY HERE.

A U.N. SOURCE REVEALED THAT FBI MEN WERE FURNISHED DESK SPACE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN THE U.N. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WHEN THEY ASKED FOR IT, AND HAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUESTIONING PERSONS AS WELL.

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U.N.-KOREA

BY FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 24 (AP)-DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORTED TODAY THAT RED CHINA IS COLONOZING NORTH KOREA WITH THOUSANDS OF CHINESE CIVILIANS, POSSIBLY AS A PRELUDE TO ANNEXING NORTH KOREA AS A PROVINCE OF THE PEIPING REGIME.

THESE SOURCES CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED PUBLICLY BUT THE INFORMATION, THEY SAID, WAS RELAYED HERE FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NORTH KOREA AND HAVE LEARNED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT AREA.

THE RED CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS ARE REPORTED DIGGING MORE AND BETTER DEFENSE FORTIFICATIONS IN NORTH KOREA. THIS WAS TAKEN HERE TO MEAN THAT THE REDS DO NOT PLAN TO CARRY OUT ANY SURPRISE ATTACK BREAKING THE ARMISTICE, BUT THAT THEY DO PLAN TO HOLD THEIR GROUND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IN THE EVENT THE WAR IS RENEWED.

NO OFFICIAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT THE U.N. OF THE MOVEMENT OF CHINESE CIVILIANS TO NORTH KOREA BUT U.N. DIPLOMATS DID NOT APPEAR SURPRISED AT THE UNOFFICIAL ACCOUNTS. THEY SAID THE NORTH KOREANS LOST HEAVILY IN POPULATION IN THE WAR AND THERE IS MORE ROOM FOR CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES.

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AN INSTANCE OF COMPLETE DOMINATION OF NORTH KOREANS BY THE PEIPING CHINESE WAS SEEN IN THE REPORT BY A RELIABLE PERSON OF THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMUNISTS IN THE RECENT TALKS WITH ARTHUR DEAN, U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY, REGARDING A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE.

ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATE NEVER TALKED UNLESS HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNIST. OFTEN THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD UP WHILE THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVE WOULD WRITE OUT A STATEMENT IN CHINESE, HAND IT BACK TO AN ADVISOR TO BE TRANSLATED INTO KOREAN AND THEN HAVE AN AIDE HAND IT TO THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION FOR ITS DELEGATE TO READ.

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THERE IS A GROWING FEELING IN THE U.N. THAT THE ASSEMBLY MUST RESUME ITS SESSION HERE SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY. ONE QUESTION WILL BE THE DISPOSITION OF PRISONERS WHO STILL DO NOT WANT TO RETURN HOME AND WHO MUST BE CARED FOR IN SOME COUNTRY. THE U.S. FAVORS RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS ON JAN. 22.

SOME DIPLOMATS HERE BELIEVE THE COMMUNIST CHINESE DO NOT WANT A PEACE CONFERENCE ON KOREA ALONE BUT ARE TRYING TO GET A CONFERENCE ON ALL FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS. THIS WIDER CONFERENCE WOULD DEAL WITH SUCH QUESTIONS AS CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN THE U.N., THE FATE OF FORMOSA, AND THE INDOCHINESE CRISIS AS WELL AS THE KOREAN SITUATION.

THE UNITED STATES SO FAR HAS INSISTED ON A CONFERENCE FIRST ON KOREA ONLY, WITH A WIDER-SCOPE SESSION TO BE HELD AFTER KOREA HAS BEEN SETTLED.

THE ASSEMBLY WENT ALONG WITH THE AMERICANS ON THAT STAND LAST SUMMER BUT MAY HAVE TO MAKE NEW DECISIONS IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THEN.

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OPTIONAL LEAD EISENHOWER-EDC (A19WX)

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PERSONAL PRESTIGE WAS THROWN TODAY INTO THE AMERICAN DRIVE TO WIN SUPPORT OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE FOR THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY (EDC).

EISENHOWER, WHO WON CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL FOLLOWING IN EUROPE IN WORLD WAR II AND LATER AS ALLIED DEFENSE COMMANDER, STEPPED IN WITH A GRAVE WARNING YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REAPPRAISE ITS BASIC EUROPEAN POLICIES UNLESS EDC IS SET UP SOON.

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THIS VIEW IN A STATEMENT AS THE THIRD MOVE IN A EXTRAORDINARY CAMPAIGN DIRECTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TO CARRY THE EDC ISSUE DIRECTLY TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND WIN THEIR SUPPORT OF IT.

EISENHOWER ACTED LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT, ON THE 13TH BALLOT, ELECTED SEN. RENE COTY TO BE THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

THUS THE FIRST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY STEP OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING COTY'S EMERGENCE AS A FIGURE ON THE WORLD STAGE WAS A SHARP REMINDER THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COUNTING ON EDC TO PROVIDE PEACE AND SECURITY FOR WESTERN EUROPE.

EDC IS A PROPOSED SIX-NATION ARMY, TO INCLUDE A UNITED COMMAND AND IN ONE UNIFORM TROOPS FROM FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, ITALY, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS AND LUXEMBOURG. ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY FRANCE, IT HAS BEEN STYMIED BY INACTION OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT. THE REASON USUALLY CITED IS FRENCH FEAR OF A REARMED GERMANY.

AT THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION, COTY'S POSITION ON EDC WAS NOT PUBLICLY KNOWN. THE 71-YEAR-OLD LAWYER, AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN BY PARTY, HAS BEEN INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS. HE IS DESCRIBED AS FAVORING A REVISION OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION UNDER

WHICH FRANCE HAS CHANGED GOVERNMENTS SO OFTEN IN RECENT YEARS.
THE PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, IS BY LAW A FIGUREHEAD JOB AND THEORETICALLY COTY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EDC MIGHT NOT HAVE TOO MUCH BEARING. OBVIOUSLY, THOUGH, HE IS IN POSITION TO EXERCISE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE BOTH THROUGH PERSONAL PRESTIGE AND GUIDING THE FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENTS--A TASK HE WILL TACKLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE TAKES OFFICE JAN. 17.
U. S. OFFICIALS THOUGHT THE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTING WENT ON SO LONG AS TO HARM FRANCE'S PRESTIGE AS A WORLD POWER. THEY WERE GLAD WHEN IT ENDED BUT FEARFUL THAT THE DEEP POLITICAL DIVISIONS DEMONSTRATED BY A WEEK OF BALLOTING WILL MEAN SERIOUS TROUBLE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT TO SUCCEED THAT OF PREMIER JOSEPH LANIEL. LANIEL WILL RESIGN WHEN COTY TAKES OVER FROM PRESIDENT VINCENT AURIOL.
THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR 18 MONTHS TO WIN FRENCH ACCEPTANCE OF EDC. RECENTLY THE CAMPAIGN CLEARLY HAS TAKEN A NEW TURN.

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IN PARIS EARLY LAST WEEK DULLES TOLD THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY (NATO) COUNCIL THAT EDC WOULD HAVE TO BE SET UP--THAT WEST GERMAN FORCES WOULD HAVE TO BE REARMED UNDER IT--OR THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE FORCED TO REAPPRAISE ITS POLICIES. HE STATED THESE SAME VIEWS TO A NEWS CONFERENCE TO GIVE THEM THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY IN FRANCE.
ON TUESDAY, THE SECRETARY DEVOTED NEARLY ALL OF AN ADDRESS TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB HERE TO ARGUMENTS FOR EDC AND GRAVE WORDS ABOUT A WEAKENING OF EUROPE'S DEFENSES UNLESS IT WAS APPROVED. HE SAID ALTERNATIVES WERE "FEEBLE" BUT SKETCHED THEM AS RANGING FROM CREATION OF A WEST GERMAN NATIONAL ARMY (WHICH FRANCE HAS BITTERLY OPPOSED) TO WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM GERMANY IF GERMAN FORCES CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OWN DEFENSE.
YESTERDAY, EISENHOWER THREW THE WEIGHT OF HIS PRESTIGE BEHIND THE PRESSURE CAMPAIGN HIS FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF HAS BEEN WAGING. HIS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AFTER A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT WHICH, THE STATEMENT SAID, HE WAS BRIEFED BY DULLES AND OTHERS ON THE PARIS NATO SESSIONS.
THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT SAID EISENHOWER REGARDS EDC AS "THE ONLY PRACTICAL PROPOSAL FOR ENDING PERMANENTLY THE RECURRENT STRIFE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY...AND OF CREATING A SOLID CORE AT THE CENTER OF THE NATO STRUCTURE."
IT ADDED HE SHARES DULLES' EXPRESSED VIEW "THAT FAILURE SOON TO CONSUMMATE THE EDC WOULD CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES WITH THE NECESSITY OF REAPPRAISING ITS BASIC POLICIES AS REGARDS EUROPE."
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(550) AMS BUDGET
NIGHT LEAD OKINAWA
BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES TODAY HANDED OVER TO JAPAN ABOUT 20 SMALL ISLANDS IT LOST IN WORLD WAR II. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES ANNOUNCED, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN POSSESSION OF OKINAWA AND OTHER STRATEGIC ISLANDS IN THE AREA WILL CONTINUE "FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE."
JAPAN RECEIVED AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT THE AMAMI OSHIMA GROUP OF RYUKYU ISLANDS. THE 20 ISLES HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 200,000, WHICH LIVES MOSTLY ON FARMING AND FISHING. THEY LIE JUST SOUTH OF JAPAN, BETWEEN JAPAN AND OKINAWA.
OKINAWA IS ONE OF THE BASTIONS OF AMERICAN POWER AGAINST COMMUNIST MIGHT IN THE FAR EAST. DULLES ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HOLD ON TO IT AND OTHER ISLANDS IN THE RYUKYU AND BONIN CHAINS UNTIL THEY ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY TO THE "PEACE AND SECURITY" OF THE FAR EAST.
IN RETURNING THE AMAMI OSHIMA GROUP, THE UNITED STATES WAS CARRYING OUT A PROMISE GIVEN LAST AUGUST. THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, HOWEVER, HAD REPORTEDLY HOPED FOR A BIGGER PRESENT AND IT SEEMED PROBABLE THAT WHAT THEY RECEIVED WAS NOT ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY TO THEM.
DULLES TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD GOTTEN A MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER YOSHIDA SAYING "THANK YOU FOR THE BIG CHRISTMAS GIFT." JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ISLAND TRANSFER WAS TO BE LIMITED TO THE AMAMI GROUP BUT RUMOR AND SPECULATION HAD CAUSED GREATER EXPECTATION AMONG THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.
THE ACTUAL TRANSFER WAS HANDLED IN AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN TOKYO BY AMBASSADOR JOHN ALLISON AND JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OKAZAKI. THE EMPHASIS THERE WAS ON WHAT THE JAPANESE WERE BEING GIVEN.
IN WASHINGTON DULLES' STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT OKINAWA AND THE OTHER ISLANDS--UPWARDS OF 200 IN ALL IN THIS REGION SOUTH OF JAPAN--WERE NOT BEING RELINQUISHED FOR STRATEGIC REASONS.
THE UNITED STATES HAD OBTAINED POSSESSION OF THE ISLANDS BY CONQUEST IN WORLD WAR II AND ITS CONTROL WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY OF TWO YEARS AGO. UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE TREATY, JAPAN RENOUNCED ALL RIGHT TO VIRTUALLY ALL THE TERRITORIES IT RULED EXCEPT THE FOUR MAIN JAPANESE ISLANDS AND CLOSE-IN SATELLITE ISLANDS. IN EFFECT JAPAN AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER DISPOSITION THE UNITED STATES WANTED TO MAKE OF THE RYUKYUS AND BONINS AS WELL AS A FEW OTHERS IN THE REGION.

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THE DECISION TO RETURN 20 ISLANDS WAS REPORTEDLY BASED ON JAPANESE INTEREST IN RECOVERING LOST TERRITORY AND ON THE FACT THAT THE ISLANDS HAVE RELATIVELY LITTLE STRATEGIC VALUE.
DULLES RECOGNIZED IN HIS STATEMENT THAT RUMOR IN JAPAN HAD LED TO SOME BELIEF THAT OTHER ISLANDS MIGHT BE HANDED BACK. HE SAID "QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED REGARDING THE INTENTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES."
"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES," HE SAID, "THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF THE FREE NATIONS OF ASIA AND OF THE WORLD IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY, THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ITS PRESENT POWERS AND RIGHTS IN THE REMAINING RYUKYU ISLANDS AND IN THE OTHER ISLANDS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 3 OF THE PEACE TREATY SO LONG AS CONDITIONS OF THREAT AND TENSION EXIST IN THE FAR EAST."
HE SAID THAT UNTIL STABILITY AND CONFIDENCE ARE CREATED "THE NEED OF THE FREE NATIONS TO PRESERVE AN ARMED VIGILANCE WILL REMAIN IMPERATIVE." IT IS IN JAPAN'S INTEREST AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER FREE NATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO KEEP THESE ISLANDS AS "AN ESSENTIAL LINK IN THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE OF THE WHOLE PACIFIC AREA," HE SAID.
ACCORDINGLY, DULLES CONTINUED, "THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO REMAIN AS CUSTODIAN OF THESE ISLANDS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
"HOWEVER, IN EXERCISING ITS TREATY RIGHTS, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ONLY DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE AND WELL BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE RYUKYUS BUT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SAFEGUARD ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INTERCOURSE THROUGHOUT THE ARCHIPELAGO."
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(400) PMS BUDGET
NIXON
BY ED CREAGH
WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON SAYS THIS COUNTRY'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN TURNING HIS BACK--FOR THE TIME BEING, ANYWAY--ON THE COMMUNISTS IN THE LONG DRAWN-OUT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD STARTING A POLITICAL CONFERENCE AS A SEQUEL OF THE KOREAN WAR.
ASSERTING THERE HAS BEEN "SOME CRITICISM" OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ARTHUR H. DEAN FOR RETURNING TO THIS COUNTRY AND LEAVING THE KOREAN

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POLITICAL TALKS IN ABEYANCE, NIXON TOLD A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AND RADIO AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT:

"WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE TIME IS PAST WHEN WE SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNISTS AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE BY SURRENDERING TO THEM."

DEAN DEMANDED THE REDS WITHDRAW AN ACCUSATION OF "PERFIDY" AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. THE TALKS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE HIS WALKOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

SLAPPING, BY IMPLICATION, AT THE TRUMAN AND ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATIONS, NIXON ADDED:

"WE ARE PAYING THE PRICE IN ASIA FOR THAT KIND OF DIPLOMACY RIGHT NOW."

NIXON REPORTED BY NBC TELEVISION AND BY MAJOR RADIO NETWORKS ON THE RECENT 45,000-MILE TOUR HE AND HIS WIFE MADE AT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S BEHEST.

AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT SPOKE HIS 75-YEAR-OLD FATHER LAY SERIOUSLY ILL IN A HOSPITAL AT PHOENIX, ARIZ. NIXON WENT AHEAD WITH HIS BROADCAST AFTER TALKING WITH HIS FATHER'S DOCTOR BY TELEPHONE. HE MADE NO REFERENCE IN HIS INFORMAL ADDRESS TO HIS FATHER'S ILLNESS, BUT LOWERED HIS EYES WHEN HE SAID HE FOUND IN ASIA "THE SAME LOVE FOR CHILDREN AND RESPECT FOR PARENTS THAT WE WOULD FIND IN ANY AMERICAN FAMILY."

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EISENHOWER, THE VICE-PRESIDENT SAID, "HAS TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE IN THE DRIVE FOR PEACE" AND "FOR THE FIRST TIME THE COMMUNISTS ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE ALL OVER THE WORLD."

MOREOVER, HE SAID, "THE COMMUNISTS' DEEDS ARE CATCHING UP WITH THEM."

AND, SAID NIXON, "THAT IS WHY THEY ARE LOSING THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLES EVERYWHERE THROUGHOUT ASIA."

FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS TELEVISION WATCHERS, NIXON WORKED IN SEVERAL VISUAL TOUCHES.

HE SHOWED A DELICATELY CARVED REPLICA OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY PRESENTED TO HIM IN HONG KONG AND NOTED THE CHINESE CRAFTSMEN HAD CARVED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON THE TORCH IN CHARACTERS SO SMALL THEY COULD NOT BE READ WITH THE NAKED EYE.

LATER HE USED A MAP TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT THE UNITED STATES MUST SPEND MANY MILLIONS TO HELP FIGHT THE WAR IN INDOCHINA BECAUSE COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF THAT COUNTRY WOULD THREATEN ALL SOUTHEAST ASIA "AND THAT MEANS THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SECURITY OF JAPAN WILL INEVITABLY BE ENDANGERED."

NIXON WOUND UP WITH A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT EXPRESSED, HE SAID, BY ONE OF MANY CHINESE CHILDREN WHO SURROUNDED HIM AND HIS WIFE ON THEIR STOP AT HONG KONG. THE CHINESE BOYS' MESSAGE:

"WE ARE ALL BROTHERS IN OUR HEARTS."

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BY C.YATES MCDANIEL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-THE 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO COME HOME FROM KOREA ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE CHARGED WITH TREASON, DECLARED TO BE DESERTERS OR OTHERWISE READ OUT OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY, UNLESS CURRENT OFFICIAL THINKING HERE IS CHANGED.

IN EXPRESSING THIS LINE OF THOUGHT, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S TOP LEGAL AND POLICY MAKING OFFICIALS CONCEDE THAT THEY DO NOT SEE COMPLETELY EYE TO EYE WITH CERTAIN ARMY OFFICERS. THE LATTER HAVE ADVOCATED THROWING THE BOOK OF MILITARY LAW AT THE 22 WHO ARE SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE NEUTRAL REPATRIATION COMMISSION IN KOREA'S NO-MAN'S-LAND.

SOME ARMY OFFICERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE 22 AMERICANS SHOULD BE DECLARED ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE WHEN THE EXPLAINER SESSIONS TERMINATED YESTERDAY AND LATER DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS AS DESERTERS. BUT HIGHER

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ARMY OFFICIALS AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID THE CEASE-FIRE TERMS VIRTUALLY PROHIBITED ANY SUCH STRICTLY MILITARY ACTION.

THE POLICY MAKERS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED THAT AT THE END OF THE 120 DAYS, WHICH WILL BE MIDNIGHT OF JAN. 22, THE PRISONERS ON BOTH SIDES WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO HOME "SHALL BE RELEASED TO CIVILIAN STATUS."

TOP DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAID TODAY, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT IT COULD OR WOULD DO ABOUT THE 22 AMERICANS. THESE OFFICIALS FRANKLY CONCEDED THAT THE ARMISTICE TERMS CONCERNING PRISONERS OF WAR WERE NEVER THOUGHT OF IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICANS WHO WERE HELD CAPTIVE BY THE COMMUNISTS.

THE UNITED NATIONS NEGOTIATORS PROCEEDED ON THE PRINCIPLES STATED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LAST MAY 26. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT "NO PRISONERS WILL BE REPATRIATED BY FORCE. NO PRISONERS WILL BE COERCED OR INTIMIDATED IN ANY WAY."

HAVING SET FORTH THESE PRINCIPLES OF FREE CHOICE, DEFENSE OFFICIALS NOW HOLD, THE UNITED STATES CAN NOT INTERPRET THE ARMISTICE TERMS IN ONE WAY FOR KOREANS AND CHINESE AND IN ANOTHER WAY FOR AMERICANS.

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A STRICT INTERPRETATION OF MILITARY LAW WOULD MAKE THE 22 AMERICANS GUILTY OF DESERTION. BUT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO COME HOME, GO TO A COMMUNIST COUNTRY OR TO A NEUTRAL NATION OF THEIR CHOICE.

FORMAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES SUBSCRIBES HAVE THE FORCE OF AMERICAN LAW. IN THE SENSE THAT IT WAS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE FOR RATIFICATION, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS NOT A FORMAL TREATY. BUT PENTAGON LAWYERS NOW BELIEVE THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE THE FORCE OF A TREATY IF IT WERE TESTED THROUGH THE COURTS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

DEFENSE OFFICIALS FREELY CONFESS THAT THEY DO NOT NOW KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THE MANY LEGAL PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE REFUSAL OF THE 22 AMERICANS TO RETURN HOME. ARMY LAWYERS HAVE POSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE 22 MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO CLAIM UNITED STATES VETERANS BENEFITS UNLESS THEY ARE DECLARED TO BE DESERTERS OR OTHERWISE WRITTEN OFF THE ARMY'S BOOKS.

WHILE CONCEDING THAT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PRECEDENT FOR THE PREVAILING POLICY VIEW, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT LAWYERS INCLINE TO THE OPINION THAT THE MEN COULD NOT BE LEGALLY DECLARED DESERTERS AS LONG AS THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT EMPHASIZED THEIR RIGHT TO GO ANYWHERE THEY WANTED TO.

UNTIL JAN. 22 THE 22 AMERICANS WILL BE CARRIED ON ARMY ROLLS ON AN "OPEN SERVICE RECORD." THIS MEANS THAT NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN LODGED AGAINST THEM, NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AND THAT THEIR PAY WILL ACCUMULATE TO THEIR ACCOUNT. AFTER JAN. 22, THEY WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS. THEIR ACCUMULATED PAY WILL BE SENT TO THEIR DESIGNATED NEXT OF KIN OR DEPENDENTS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ARMY MAY BE PERMITTED TO GIVE THE MEN "UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES".

THEREAFTER, PENTAGON THINKING TAKES THE LINE THAT EACH CASE WILL HAVE TO BE PLAYED BY EAR AND ON ITS OWN MERITS. THUS, SHOULD ONE OF THE MEN EVENTUALLY GET TO A NEUTRAL COUNTRY AND WANT TO COME HOME, THE CURRENT THINKING IS THAT HIS CASE WOULD BE STUDIED AND THAT HE MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO REENTER THE UNITED STATES. OF COURSE, IF ANY OF THE MEN RETURN AND IT COULD BE SHOWN THAT THEY HAD COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST THEIR FELLOW CAPTIVES WHILE IN PRISON CAMPS, THEY WOULD BE LIABLE FOR TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT.

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MAIR FORCE-SECURITY
WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-AIR FORCE SECRETARY TALBOTT HAS TIGHTENED UP, FOR SECURITY REASONS, ON AIR FORCE DISCLOSURE OF NEW SPEED AND ALTITUDE RECORDS.

A SPOKESMAN SAID A DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTS THAT AIR FORCE COMMANDS:

1. REFRAIN FROM ATTEMPTS TO SET NEW AVIATION RECORDS MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORDS AND THE PUBLICITY ATTENDING THEM.

2. WITHHOLD DATA ON SUCH FLIGHTS AS ARE MADE.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLIGHTS AND ABOUT NEW SPEED OR ALTITUDE RECORDS SET IS OF VALUE TO A POTENTIAL ENEMY, THE DIRECTIVE SAID.

"THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL STOP FLYING HIGH AND FAST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BUT IF WE DO SET SOME NEW MARKS UNOFFICIALLY, WE'LL TRY TO KEEP THE INFORMATION TO OURSELVES."

WHEN PILOTS TRY FOR NEW OFFICIAL RECORDS THEY ARE TIMED BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTIC ASSOCIATION AND THE INFORMATION IS MADE PUBLIC. THE DIRECTIVE REFERS TO UNOFFICIAL RECORD ATTEMPTS PRIMARILY.

TYPICAL OF THE RECORD-MAKING ATTEMPTS UPON WHICH TALBOTT HAS FROWNED WAS THAT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN F100 FIGHTER WHICH RECENTLY BETTERED A 15-KILOMETER RECORD--SET ONLY A SHORT TIME PREVIOUSLY BY A NAVY PLANE--AT A SPEED OF 754.98 MILES AN HOUR.

LAST WEEK THE AIR FORCE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A PUBLISHED REPORT THAT THE F100 HAD FLOWN 910 MILES AN HOUR.

TALBOTT ALSO WAS REPORTED OPPOSED TO RELEASING INFORMATION ON THE AIR FORCE'S BELL X1A RESEARCH ROCKET PLANE FLIGHT, EARLIER THIS MONTH, AT ABOUT 1,650 MILES AN HOUR--AN UNOFFICIAL WORLD SPEED RECORD.

THE NEWS LEAKED OUT, HOWEVER, AND QUERIES BECAME SO PERSISTENT THAT THE AIR FORCE BROUGHT THE PILOT, MAJ.CHARLES YEAGER, TO WASHINGTON TO DESCRIBE THE FLIGHT.

THIS SORT OF PUBLIC AIRING OF HIGH-ALTITUDE, HIGH-SPEED RESEARCH INFORMATION IS UNLIKELY SOON TO BE REPEATED UNDER THE NEW POLICY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THERE WILL BE RELAXATIONS OF THE ORDER, AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

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(230) REMINGTON
WASHINGTON, DEC. 24 (AP)-WILLIAM W. REMINGTON, FORMER COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ECONOMIST, TODAY APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT TO REVERSE HIS CONVICTION ON A CHARGE OF PERJURY.

REMINGTON, 35, WAS CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT IN NEW YORK OF LYING WHEN HE DENIED THAT HE GAVE SECRET INFORMATION TO A COMMUNIST COURIER. HE ALSO WAS CONVICTED OF LYING WHEN HE DENIED THAT HE KNEW THERE WAS A YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE WHILE HE WAS A STUDENT THERE.

HE IS NOW SERVING A THREE YEAR SENTENCE IN THE FEDERAL PRISON AT LEWISBURG, PA.

THE PERJURY CHARGES RESULTED FROM TESTIMONY GIVEN BY REMINGTON AT A TRIAL TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS CONVICTED OF DENYING TO A GRAND JURY THAT HE EVER WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THAT CONVICTION WAS REVERSED ON A TECHNICALITY AND A NEW INDICTMENT, BASED ON HIS TESTIMONY, WAS RETURNED AGAINST REMINGTON.

HIS APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT ASSERTED HE HAS BEEN DENIED DUE PROCESS OF LAW UNDER ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS CASE.

REMINGTON CHARGED THAT "OPPRESSION AND DECIET" WERE USED IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM IN OBTAINING THE FIRST INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM. THE APPEAL ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY "WITHHELD AND SUPPRESSED EVIDENCE OF THESE GRAND JURY IMPROPERTIES FROM THE DEFENSE AT THE VERY TIME PETITIONER (REMINGTON) WAS GIVING THE TESTIMONY UPON WHICH THE NEW INDICTMENT WAS BASED."

THE APPEAL ASKED THE SUPREME COURT TO RULE WHETHER A NEW INDICTMENT "UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES CONSTITUTES UNLAWFUL ENTRAPMENT."

THE ISSUE PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME COURT, THE APPEAL ADDED, "IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE INTEGRITY OF THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM AND THE PROCESSES OF LAW IN THE FEDERAL COURTS. . . . THIS COURT MUST DECIDE WHETHER THE INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND JURY IS TO REMAIN AS A HISTORICAL PROTECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR WHETHER IT CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO A TYRANNICAL VEHICLE OF PRIVATE MALICE."

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KOREA (230)
WASHINGTON,DEC.24 (AP)-C. TYLER WOOD, AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION DIRECTOR IN SOUTH KOREA, SAID TODAY A "SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT" OF ADDITIONAL AID MONEY WOULD BE NEEDED TO SPEED KOREA'S INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL COMEBACK IN 1954.

WOOD, WHO HAS COORDINATED AMERICAN RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS MADE THE COMMENT AS HE RETURNED HERE FOR CONSULTATIONS. HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR HAROLD STASSEN AND RAYMOND MOYER, FAR EAST AID DIRECTOR.

TALKING TO REPORTERS, WOOD SAID INITIAL FUNDS WERE BEING CONCENTRATED ON REBUILDING KOREA'S WAR WRECKED TRANSPORTATION AND POWER SYSTEM.

"THE NEEDS OF KOREA ARE TERRIFIC BECAUSE OF THE WAR DEVASTATION," HE SAID. "IT'S DIFFICULT TO PICK OUT ONE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER ANOTHER."

WOOD SAID SOME 45 MILLION DOLLARS OF A 200 MILLION DOLLAR FUND CONGRESS APPROPRIATED FOR KOREAN AID ALREADY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED. THE PACE OF SUCH PROJECTS WILL PICK UP NOW THAT INITIAL PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, HE SAID, ADDING:

"WHILE I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, I WOULD GUESS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD BE NEEDED FROM THIS COMING SESSION OF CONGRESS."

WOOD, WHO PLANS TO CONFER WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS FOR TWO MONTHS BEFORE RETURNING TO HIS POST, SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT COMMUNIST RECONSTRUCTION IN NORTH KOREA.

"I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF STORIES THAT THEY HAVE PUT THE RAILS BACK INTO OPERATION," HE SAID. "BUT IF THESE STORIES ARE LIKE OTHERS I HAVE HEARD, THEY ARE A LOT OF HOT AIR."

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SECOND LEAD MOORE (160)
BY FORREST EDWARDS

SEOUL, SATURDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-ACTRESS TERRY MOORE REPORTED EARLY TODAY SHE HAD BEEN ORDERED OUT OF KOREA, WHERE SHE IS TOURING WITH A SHOW FOR SERVICE MEN, BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ORDER APPEARED TO BE A LITTLE PREMATURE.

MISS MOORE, WHO HAD BEEN ORDERED NOT TO WEAR A BIKINI BATHING SUIT MADE OF ERMINE IN HER KOREAN SHOWS, WORE THE MUCH DISCUSSED PIECES IN A CHRISTMAS NIGHT SHOW FOR MEN OF THE 10TH ARMY CORPS. EARLY TODAY SH MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT SHE WAS ORDERED HOME, LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DECISION WAS THE ARMY'S.

LATER TODAY, HOWEVER, JOHNNY GRANT, LOS ANGELES DISC JOCKEY WHO IS MANAGING THE TROUPE IN KOREA, SAID THE SO-CALLED ORDER WAS NOT AN "ORDER" BUT A "REQUEST" FROM THE HOLLYWOOD COORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH ARRANGES SHOWS FOR SERVICEMEN.

THE REQUEST, GRANT SAID, APPARENTLY WAS BASED ON "THE MISCONCEPTION THAT MISS MOORE PERFORMED A STRIP ACT, WHICH OF COURSE IS NOT TRUE."

GRANT SAID "EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN STRAIGHTENED OUT" AND "I FEEL CERTAIN THAT MISS MOORE IS GOING TO CONTINUE THE TOUR."

MISS MOORE WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE WHICH DID A SHOW AT NOON TODAY FOR OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 10TH CORPS ARTILLERY HEAD-QUARTERS--BUT SHE DID NOT WEAR THE CONTROVERSIAL FUR BIKINI.

MISS MOORE HAD BEEN WARNED THAT THE ERMINE BIKINI WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER A HOLLYWOOD PUBLICITY PICTURE AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SHE INTENDED TO STRIP DOWN TO IT FOR THE KOREAN SERVICE MEN HAD BROUGHT A STORM OF PROTESTS FROM CHURCH GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE ACTRESS SAID SHE HAD WORN THE SUIT CHRISTMAS NIGHT AFTER IT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY LT. GEN. BRUCE CLARKE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 10TH CORPS.

HOWEVER, AN AIDE TO THE GENERAL SAID TODAY GENERAL CLARKE HAD NOT SEEN THE SUIT BEFORE THE SHOW AND HAD NEITHER APPROVED NOR DISAPPROVED IT.

THE 8TH ARMY DENIED IT OR ANY OF ITS LOWER COMMANDS HAD ISSUED THE ORDER FOR MISS MOORE TO LEAVE KOREA.

NO ONE IN 8TH ARMY INITIATED OR TOOK ANY ACTION WHATSEOVER TO HAVE THE HOLLYWOOD STAR REMOVED FROM KOREA, A HIGH RANKING ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WHO ORDERED MISS MOORE OUT OF KOREA, IF SHE WAS ORDERED OUT, WAS SURROUNDED BY A SMOKESCREEN OF CONFUSION HERE.

MISS MOORE TOLD NEWSMEN SHE HAD BEEN ORDERED OUT, BUT SHE DID NOT SAY WHERE OR FROM WHOM THE ORDER CAME.

JOHNNY GRANT, DISC JOCKEY WHO IS MANAGING THE TOURING HOLLYWOOD SHOW, COULD NOT BE REACHED IMMEDIATELY FOR COMMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. 10TH CORPS, WHERE THE SHOW IS NOW PLAYING TO ARMY TROOPS, SAID GRANT WAS OUT DOING ANOTHER SHOW IN THE AREA.

THE 10TH CORPS SPOKESMAN SAID THE ONLY INFORMATION THE CORPS HAD WAS AN INFORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY GRANT THAT MISS MOORE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE AND RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

IT WAS SPECULATED THAT THE ORDER--IF IT HAD BEEN ISSUED--WAS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SERVICES WHICH BOOKS AND COORDINATES SHOW OUT OF HOLLYWOOD FOR THE SERVICE MEN. SUCH AN ORDER WOULD BE RELAYED THROUGH THE FAR EAST COMMAND IN JAPAN.

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A105FX
NIGHT LEAD KOREAN CHRISTMAS (500)

TOKYO, SATURDAY, DEC.26 (AP)-CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS BOUNCED BY JEEP OVER WINTRY ROADS YESTERDAY, CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS TO U.S. SOLDIERS IN KOREA WHERE THERE IS THE PEACE OF AN ARMED TRUCE.

EVEN WHILE FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN AND METHODIST BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN SPOKE TO SOLDIER GROUPS, UP FRONT COLD SENTRIES KEPT A WATCHFUL EYE ON ANY MOVE BY THE REDS.

IN THE PANMUNJOM COMPOUNDS FOR PRO-COMMUNIST PRISONERS, ALIGHT WITH COLORED LANTERNS, THE 22 AMERICANS WHO THUS FAR HAVE REFUSED TO QUIT THEIR CAPTORS DANCED, DRANK AND DINED UNDER "THREE BLAZING RED STARS." BUT PEIPING RADIO, WHICH TOLD ABOUT IT, MADE NO MENTION OF ANY RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN, SPENDING HIS THIRD STRAIGHT CHRISTMAS IN KOREA, VISITED SOME DIVISIONAL AREAS BY JEEP AFTER SNOW AND SLEET CUT SHORT HIS PLANS TO HOP ABOUT BY HELICOPTER. ONCE ON A TRIP TO THE 45TH VUCS. INFANTRY DIVISION HE SAZ A

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U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION HE SAW A JEEP AHEAD TURN OVER, AND HELPED PULL OUT FOUR INJURED SOUTH KOREAN SOLDIERS.

LT. COL. PATRICK H. DEVINE, OF DALLAS, TEX., WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING THE CARDINAL, SAID THE INJURIES WERE NOT SERIOUS.

BISHOP MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN A U.S. 1ST CORPS SERVICE, PRAISED THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN KOREA FOR THEIR RELIEF WORK IN BEHALF OF KOREAN CHILDREN. HE SAID THE SOLDIERS "PLANTED THE SEEDS OF GOODWILL AND CHRISTMAS KINDNESS THAT WILL NEVER BE UPROOTED."

ILLUSTRATIVE OF HOW DIFFERENT IT WAS FROM CHRISTMAS ONE YEAR AGO WAS THE CASE OF MARINE CPL. ORLAND G. SCHUFT, OF 1520 IDES AVE., GLENCOE, MINN. HE SPENT LAST CHRISTMAS DRIVING AN AMBULANCE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE FRONT LINES AND A MEDICAL STATION. HE BROUGHT OUT WOUNDED AND DYING MARINES FROM BUNKER HILL OUTPOST.

YESTERDAY HE SAW DOWN TO A BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER, TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS, IN THE 7TH MARINE REGIMENT MESS HALL.

"WE DIDN'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT CHRISTMAS LAST YEAR," HE SAID. "EVERYBODY WAS TOO BUSY DOING A JOB AND HOPING THEY'D BE AROUND THE NEXT DAY."

PEIPING RED RADIO WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ITS ACCOUNT OF CHRISTMAS AMONG THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO THUS FAR HAVE REFUSED TO RETURN HOME.

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THE BROADCAST, MONITORED IN TOKYO, SAID ALL EXCEPT THE HOSPITALIZED AMONG THE 22 JOINED WITH ONE BRITON AND MORE THAN 300 SOUTH KOREANS IN DANCING SOUTH KOREAN FOLK DANCES, PUTTING ON A VARIETY SHOW, FEASTING AND HAVING "LOTS OF DRINKS."

PEIPING SAID THE AMERICANS SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS BUT MADE NO MENTION OF A CHRISTMAS TREE OR A RELIGIOUS SERVICE. COMMUNISM FROWNS ON BELIEF IN A CHRISTIAN GOD.

THE BROADCAST SAID RAIN AND MILD WEATHER PREVENTED THE PRISONERS FROM USING ICE SKATES ISSUED TO THEM BY THE REDS FOR THE OCCASION.

PEIPING REPORTED THE PRISONERS STAYED UP UNTIL 1 A.M. IN THEIR CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION AND INDICATED THE FESTIVITIES MIGHT CONTINUE ON UNTIL THE NEAR YEAR.

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A37FX
MPRISONERS (PRECEDE PANMUNJOM)(260)
TOKYO, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO COME HOME FROM COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY HAD A "RED STAR" CHRISTMAS.
"A HUGE ARCH OF COLORED PAPER WITH THREE BLAZING RED STARS STOOD AT THE COMPOUND GATE," SAID A PEIPING BROADCAST TODAY.
THIS IS PEIPING'S ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED IN CAMP CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:
ALL EXCEPT THE HOSPITALIZED AMONG THE 22 AMERICANS, ONE BRITON AND MORE THAN 300 SOUTH KOREANS IN THE PRO-RED COMPOUNDS "STAYED UP TILL ONE O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT (EARLY TODAY) CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS EVE."
SOME OF THE AMERICANS JOINED IN DANCING KOREAN FOLK DANCES AROUND THE BARBED WIRE FENCE "TO RHYTHMS OF KOREAN DRUMS, GONGS AND HAND CLAPPING."
THEY SANG POPULAR AMERICAN AND BRITISH SONGS. SOME OF THEM PUT ON A VARIETY SHOW.
AT MIDNIGHT, "THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH POWS WENT AROUND THE CAMP STOPPING IN FRONT OF EVERY HOUSE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND WISHED THE SOUTH KOREAN POWS INSIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS."
THERE WAS A CHRISTMAS DINNER OF "SOME 20 DISHES AND LOTS OF DRINKS LINING UP ON THE TABLE." AMERICAN PRISONERS COOKED UP AMERICAN DISHES SOUTH KOREANS BROUGHT "BEAUTIFULLY COOKED KOREAN DISHES."
ABOUT 10 AMERICANS AND SOUTH KOREAN PRISONERS TOOK FOOD TO "THEIR FEW SICK FELLOW PRISONERS IN HOSPITAL."
PEIPING SAID "THE CELEBRATIONS WILL LAST FOR A FEW MORE DAYS."
THERE WAS NOTHING SAID IN THE BROADCAST ABOUT ANY CHRISTMAS TREE OR ANY RELIGIOUS SERVICES.
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A52FX
BUDGET
PRISONERS (300)
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PANMUNJOM, DEC. 25 (AP)-TWENTY-TWO AMERICANS WHO CHOSE COMMUNISM OVER HOME CELEBRATED A WHITE CHRISTMAS TODAY--RED VERSION.
WHILE A SNOW AND SLEET STORM WHIRLED OVER THE LOW HILLS AROUND THEIR LITTLE PRISON COMPOUND IN THE KOREAN NEUTRAL ZONE, THE 22 ATE A CHRISTMAS MEAL PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNISTS.
THERE WAS NO REPORT WHETHER THE AMERICANS SANG CAROLS OR HELD ANY TYPE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE.
THERE WAS NO CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE BARBED-WIRE ENCLOSURE, AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID, BUT THE TENTS WERE STRUNG WITH COLORED PAPER BUNTING.
THE COMMUNISTS SUPPLIED THE CHRISTMAS DINNER--CHICKEN, BEEF, PORK, FRUITS, NUTS, BEER, WINE AND, AS USUAL, RICE. THEY ALSO GAVE THE AMERICANS ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ICE SKATES AND FOOTBALLS FOR GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON.
THE AMERICANS HAD REFUSED TO LISTEN TO U.S. OFFICERS TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO COME HOME DURING THE 90-DAY INTERVIEW PERIOD WHICH ENDED MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY.
AS THEY CELEBRATED THEIR CHRISTMAS, THE OFFICIAL RED PEIPING RADIO SPOKE OF A "GROWINGLY CRITICAL SITUATION" SURROUNDING THE PRISONERS STILL HELD IN KOREA.
ONE BRITON AND 327 SOUTH KOREANS HAVE ALSO REFUSED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS.
IN ADDITION 22,219 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS HAVE REFUSED TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM.
THE ARMISTICE CALLS FOR THE FREEING OF ALL UNREPATRIATED PRISONERS JAN. 22 AS CIVILIANS.
THE PEIPING BROADCAST CHARGED THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION (NNRC) "FAILED TO CARRY OUT ITS DECISION OF LAST SEPTEMBER TO EXTEND EXPLANATIONS BEYOND DEC. 23."
IT REFERRED TO THE EXPLANATIONS AS "CUT SHORT YESTERDAY."
THE COMMUNISTS WANTED 90 DAYS OF ACTUAL EXPLANATIONS INSTEAD OF THE 90-DAY PERIOD AVAILABLE FOR EXPLANATIONS ALLOWED BY THE ARMISTICE.

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A MAJORITY OF THE NNRC VOTED FOR THE U.N. INTERPRETATION OF A 90-DAY PERIOD. THE MAJORITY WAS NOT DESCRIBED BUT DOUBTLESS WAS THE INDIAN, SWISS AND SWEDISH MEMBERS PREVAILING OVER THE COMMUNIST CZECHS AND POLES.
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A38FX
BUDGET
FRONTLINER (570)
BY STAN CARTER
CHORWON VALLEY, KOREA, DEC. 25 (AP)-LOVE COMPANY SHIVERED BY ITS GUNS TODAY--CHRISTMAS IN KOREA, 1953.
IT'S COLD, BUT NOT AS UNPLEASANT AS WHEN A CHRISTMAS PRESENT MIGHT BE A BULLET--LIKE CHRISTMAS, 1952.
AN 18-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN SOLDIER STOOD BY A CHILL AND SILENT MACHINE GUN, LOOKING THROUGH A BUNKER SLIT TOWARD THE SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAIN ACROSS THE VALLEY.
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL, COOKS SERVED TURKEY AND DRESSING.
THE SOLDIER, PFC. WILLIAM E. AIRGOOD OF PITCAIRN, PA., WATCHED WHITE HORSE MOUNTAIN, SCENE OF A BLOODY BATTLE 15 MONTHS AGO.
WHITE HORSE IS ON THE ALLIED SIDE OF THE LINE. TWO AND A HALF MILES AWAY, ACROSS A SILENT BUFFER ZONE STAKED OUT BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE, STANDS A COMMUNIST ARMY, WAITING, TOO.
"WE'VE GOT TO KEEP WATCHING OUT THERE. THAT'S OUR JOB," SAID CPL. MARVIN TRIMNER, 22, OF REED CITY, MICH., WHO MANNED AN AUTOMATIC RIFLE.
GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR SAID THE 8TH ARMY WOULD BE ON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TODAY, BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN REST FOR EVERYBODY.
THE MEN OF LOVE COMPANY, WHO ARE CLOSER TO COMMUNIST TROOPS THAN ANY OTHER OUTFIT IN THIS SECTOR, HAVE TO KEEP WATCHING. THEIR MISSION IS TO GIVE FIRST WARNING OF ANY POSSIBLE ATTACK AND TO FIGHT A DELAYING ACTION.
LT. CHARLES W. PRESSON, 25, OF BARBERTON, OHIO, THE COMPANY COMMANDER, ARRANGED FOR HALF HIS MEN TO EAT DINNER AT A TIME SO THAT ALL COULD STUFF THEMSELVES WITH TURKEY. LOVE COMPANY HAS A QUONSET HUT MESS--AN UNHEARD-OF LUXURY BEFORE THE ARMISTICE.

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THERE'S A LAVISHLY DECORATED FIVE FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE PRESSON FOUND IN A REAR AREA.
"IT'S JUST AS NICE AS ANY CHRISTMAS TREE BACK HOME," PRESSON SAID. "I'VE HAD MY EYE ON THIS TREE FOR THREE MONTHS."
LAST CHRISTMAS, THE COMMUNISTS PLAYED CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR ALLIED SOLDIERS THROUGH LOUD SPEAKERS-AND DECORATED TREES IN NO-MAN'S-LAND. THE LINES ARE TOO FAR APART FOR THAT NOW.
THE FOOD, PREPARED BY M. SGT. HENRY T. WADE, 29, OF ADEL, GA., AND HIS CREW OF COOKS WAS AS FANCY AS CHRISTMAS DINNER AT HOME.
THERE WERE APPLES, ORANGES, NUTS, CANDY, CELERY AND SCHRIMP COCKTAIL. AND THEN THE TURKEY--WADE WORKED ALL NIGHT ROASTING 19 OF THEM--DRESSING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, SWEET POTATOES AND GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, AND HOT ROLLS. TO FINISH OFF THERE WAS MINCEMEAT PIE, FRUIT CAKE AND COFFEE OR TEA.
IT STILL WAS A LONELY PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS.
"I'VE GOT SOME FRUIT CAKE FROM HOME UP IN MY BUNKER, SIR, AND SOME NUTS AND SMOKED DEER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP OVER," SAID CPL. EARL KENON, JR., 22, OF RTE 2, MOUNT OLIVE, N.C., LEADER OF THE 1ST SQUAD. "IT'S NOT MUCH. BUT IT MAKES IT SEEM MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS."

KENON HAD CLIPPED A PAGE FROM AN ADVERTISEMENT--"MERRY CHRISTMAS"--AND PASTED IT ON THE INSIDE OF HIS BUNKER DOOR. A GREETING CARD FROM HIS WIFE WAS PROPPED ON A SHELF AGAINST THE WALL.
TWO TRUCKS CARRIED CATHOLICS TO MIDNIGHT MASS AT REGIMENTAL HEAD-

QUARTERS CHRISTMAS EVE. THE BATTALION CHAPLAIN, A LUTHERAN, WAS DUE AT LOVE COMPANY LATER THIS AFTERNOON FOR PROTESTANT SERVICES.

THE DIVISION MAIL TRUCK HAS BEEN BRINGING TWO LOADS OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES A DAY TO THE COMPANY.

"MOSTLY IT'S CAKE AND CIGARETTES AND NUTS IN THE PACKAGES," SAID M. SGT. CHARLES CRAWFORD, 27, OF NORTH ADAMS, MASS., WHO WAS SPENDING HIS SECOND CHRISTMAS IN KOREA.

"I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYONE YET WHO SAVED HIS PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS," HE SAID.

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PMS BUDGET-500)

BY DAVID M. MASON

ALDEN, MINN., DEC. 25 (AP)-BRIGHTLY-WRAPPED PRESENTS, TINSELED TREE OVEN-BROWNED TURKEYS AND CHURCH SERVICES FILLED CHRISTMAS DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS QUIET SOUTHERN MINNESOTA FARMING COMMUNITY.

BUT THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, IN A LITTLE KOREAN VILLAGE, A 20-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER WHO HAD ENJOYED MANY SUCH TYPICAL ALDEN CHRISTMASES WAS SPENDING THIS ONE WITH 21 OTHER AMERICANS WHO HAVE REFUSED REPATRIATION.

PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON AND HIS COMPANIONS HAVE REBUFFED REPEATED APPEALS TO COME HOME.

ALDENITES PONDERED ANEW THE CASE OF "RICK" TENNESON AS THEY WELCOMED HOME HIS MOTHER, MRS. PORTIA HOWE. SHE CAME HOME CHRISTMAS EVE WITHOUT THE SON SHE HAD TRAVELLED SOME 14,000 MILES IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO SEE. HE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN WON BY COMMUNISM. BUT WHY?

HAD HE BEEN EASILY SWAYED BECAUSE OF HIS YOUTH? WAS HE AFRAID? HAD HIS MIND BEEN TWISTED BY INHUMAN TREATMENT?

ON JULY 18, 1950, TENNESON, THEN 17, JOINED THE ARMY, TELLING HIS MOTHER THAT IF HE EARNED THE MEDAL OF HONOR, HE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ENOUGH FOR HIS COUNTRY.

TEN DAYS AGO HE WROTE HIS MOTHER, THEN IN TOKYO, "...IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE I WANT TO LIVE AS I WISH."

WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN BETWEEN? NO ONE IN THIS VILLAGE OF 668 APPEARED TO HAVE A COMPLETE ANSWER.

SAID WAYNE F. WRIGHT, EDITOR OF THE ALDEN ADVANCE: "HE WAS TOO YOUNG WHEN HE WENT IN (THE ARMY); HE WAS PRETTY EASILY SWAYED."

SAID AN EX-SERVICEMAN: "IT MUST HAVE BEEN FEAR."

SAID HIS GRANDMOTHER, MRS. JOHN W. JENSEN, TENNESON'S GRANDMOTHER: "THEY JUST SCARED THE LIVER LOOSE IN THOSE BOYS."

SAID THE REV. FOREST V. STRNAD (CORRECT) OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH: "COMMUNISM IS A POWER WE HAVEN'T ANALYZED."

TENNESON'S MOTHER BELIEVES SHE MAY HAVE A CLUE TO THE STRANGE TURN IN HER SON'S THINKING. SHE SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD RICHARD AND OTHERS "HAD BEEN KEPT UNDERGROUND FROM LAST MAY TO OCTOBER," AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN "DYING OF MALNUTRITION." SHE DID NOT ELABORATE.

IN A WELL-WORN PILE OF LETTERS MRS. HOWE SPREAD ON HER DINING ROOM TABLE WAS EVIDENCE OF THE SUBTLE CHANGE OF AN APPARENTLY TPICAL GI ON THE FRONT LINES TO A COMMUNIST PAWN OR WILLING SERVANT.

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AFTER HIS CAPTURE, HIS FIRST LETTER HOME, DATED CHRISTMAS EVE, 1951, REMARKED ABOUT THE PRISON CAMP FOOD: "THE BIGGEST SHARE OF US APPRECIATE IT MORE THAN WE EVER DID THE TURKEY."

OTHER LETTERS SAID, "THE CHINESE TREAT ME VERY GOOD...EXCELLENT DOCTORS"...AND THEN IN A LETTER WRITTEN LAST AUG. 6:

"MY OUTLOOK ON LIFE HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY."

TENNESON HAD BEEN NAMED A CAMP DELEGATE FOR "A PERMANENT PEACE COMMITTEE."

BACK FROM HER FLIGHT TO JAPAN, MRS. HOWE--TIRED, BUT RESIGNED AND RELAXED -- ASSURED NEWSMEN HER TRIP WAS NOT A WASTE.

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"I WOULD NEVER HAVE RESTED IF I HADN'T GONE," SHE SAID. "I BELIEVE NOW I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I COULD."

SHE HAD BEEN STOPPED FROM GOING TO KOREA BY UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES.

THE GREYING, 43-YEAR-OLD FARM WIFE SAID SHE WAS THROUGH MAKING APPEALS TO HER SON TO COME HOME.

"HE HAS MADE HIS DECISION. IT'S A BAD ONE, BUT HE'S STUCK WITH IT."

SHE WAS QUICK TO ADD THAT IF HER SON EVER WANTS TO CHANGE HIS MIND AND COME HOME--IF HE CAN--HE WILL BE WELCOME.

BUT AS HE SPENT A STRANGE CHRISTMAS IN HIS BUNTING-DECORATED ENCLOSURE, THE POSSIBILITY THAT TENNESON WILL RETURN SEEMED REMOTE.

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A42LA (FX FW)

(250)

SOUTH GATE, CALIF., DEC. 25 (AP)-A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO AMERICA FROM SYNGMAN RHEE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, INCORPORATING A PLEA FOR A "JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE," WAS RELEASED HERE TODAY BY A MINISTER WHO ARRIVED LAST NIGHT FROM THE FAREAST.

"WE ARE ALL PRAYING HERE IN KOREA THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING US VICTORY OVER THE CRUEL FORCES OF AGGRESSION IN THE JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL STRIVING," SAID THE STATEMENT. " "YOUR SONS AND SWEETHEARTS AND HUSBANDS ARE STANDING WITH US MAGNIFICENTLY IN THIS STRUGGLE TO MAKE THE WORLD A SAFE AND FREE PLACE FOR OUR AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN."

THE STATEMENT WAS BROUGHT HERE BY THE REV. FRED JORDAN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOUL CLINIC, AN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION. THE MINISTER SAID HE WENT TO KOREA TO PLAN FOR SENDING MISSIONARIES OF HIS ORGANIZATION TO THAT COUNTRY. HE SAID HE TAPE RECORDED RHEE'S STATEMENT IN SEOUL DURING A CONFERENCE DEC. 19.

RHEE ALSO SAID:

"IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST OF PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS NO NATION IN THE WORLD THAT IS SO DESERVING OF BLESSING FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

"STANDING BESIDE US HERE IN KOREA ARE THOUSANDS OF YOUR SONS; YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE ALSO HELPING US IN HOSPITALS AND IN THE GREAT WORK OF THE RED CROSS. THEY ARE FAR FROM HOME AND THEY MISS THEIR LOVED ONES TERRIBLY. WE CAN DO ONLY A LITTLE TO MAKE UP FOR THE LONESOMENESS OF SEGREGATION, BUT THAT LITTLE WE ARE TRYING TO DO. EVERY AMERICAN KNOWS THAT HE IS WELCOME IN KOREA, AND THE KOREANS ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM."

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A72FX

AUSSIES (210)

WITH 1ST COMMONWEALTH DIVISION, KOREA, DEC. 25 (AP)-AUSTRALIAN TROOPS TODAY MISSED OUT ON THEIR HOPE FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS--A NOVELTY FOR THE MEN FROM DOWN UNDER WHERE CHRISTMAS COMES IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOT SUMMER.

OTHERWISE, THEY HAD "A BEAUT CHRISTMAS" WHICH STARTED OFF, IN SOME COMPANIES, WITH SERGEANTS AND SERGEANT MAJORS WAKING UP THEIR MEN BY TAKING THEM TEA LACED WITH RUM AND BISCUITS.

A "NO WORK" ORDER FOR THE DAY ADDED TO THE FESTIVITIES, AS DID AUSTRALIAN BEER FOR THOSE WHO WANTED IT.

AFTER MORNING CHURCH SERVICES, THE ENLISTED MEN SAT DOWN TO A CHRISTMAS DINNER SERVED BY THEIR OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS.

WITH OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES DOWN TO THE FREEZING MARK, OIL-BURNING "CHOFFER" HEATERS IN THE MESS HUTS DID THEIR BEST TO CRATE THE CUSTOMARY SUMMER HEAT OF AN AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS.

FOR TWO OF THE MEN, HOWEVER, A KOREAN CHRISTMAS WAS NO

NOVELTY.

CPL. JACK PHILPOTT, CARLISLE STREET, ST. KILDA, MELBOURNE, SPENT HIS 1950 AND 1951 CHRISTMASES HERE BEFORE RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA IN 1952 AND COMING BACK TO KOREA IN EARLY 1953. HE RECALLED THAT A FEW DAYS AFTER THE 1950 CHRISTMAS AT UIJONGBU, THE REDS THREW AN ALL-OUT ATTACK AT THEM AND DROVE THEM BACK SOUTH OF SEOUL.

SGT. RAY SIMPSON OF CROWS NEST, SYDNEY, SPENT HIS 1951 CHRISTMAS HERE, WAS IN TOKYO ON REST LEAVE FOR CHRISTMAS, 1952, AND IN KOREA AGAIN THIS YEAR.

HW709APS

A83FX

PEACE CONFERENCE (230)

BY GEORGE MCARTHUR

SEOUL, SATURDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES PREDICTED TODAY THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WINNING TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

THOSE CONDITIONS, THE SOURCES SAID, INCLUDE COMMUNIST RETREAT FROM THEIR STAND THAT RUSSIA BE CONSIDERED A NEUTRAL NATION, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TWO CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE TALKS WHICH WERE LAID DOWN BY U.S. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR DEAN WHEN HE WALKED OUT ON RED NEGOTIATORS ON DEC. 12.

THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY DEAN WERE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WITHDRAW THEIR CHARGE OF UNITED STATES "PERFIDY" DURING PRE-ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF POW'S REFUSING REPATRIATION, AND THAT THE REDS GIVE "SOME INDICATION" OF WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.

THE FACT THAT U.S. FAR EASTERN EXPERT KENNETH YOUNG IS PLANNING TO REMAIN IN KOREA INDEFINITELY, AND "OTHER INDICATIONS," WHICH WERE NOT EXPLAINED, ARE THE BASIS FOR THE PREDICTION THAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE WILLING TO RESUME THE TALKS, THE SOURCES SAID.

THEY ADDED THEY BELIEVED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE "LENIENT" ON THE METHOD OF RED WITHDRAWAL OF THE PERFIDY CHARGE AND THAT RED NOTIFICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW INSISTENCE ON RUSSIA ATTENDING THE PEACE CONFERENCE AS A NEUTRAL WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS VALID INDICATION THE COMMUNISTS WERE ANXIOUS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

"IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE," THE SOURCES SAID, THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE RUSSIAN NEUTRALITY WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS IN EFFECT WITHDRAWING THE PERFIDY CHARGE.

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1953

A57FX

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, KOREA, DEC. 25 (AP)-ADM. ARTHUR W. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, TODAY WISHED AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN KOREA A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

RADFORD TOLD A GROUP OF 24TH DIVISION SOLDIERS THE PRESIDENT HAS A DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE AND HAPPINESS OF ALL AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN KOREA.

RADFORD AND WALTER P. ROBERTSON, ASST. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, MADE THE 24TH DIVISION COMMAND POST THEIR FIRST KOREAN STOP ON THEIR 19-DAY TOUR OF THE FAR EAST.

GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY TO THE TROOPS, CITING THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 24TH AND EXTENDING GREETINGS.

THE OFFICIAL GROUP REVIEWED A PARADE IN THEIR HONOR.

RADFORD AND ROBERTSON ARE TO FLY TO TAIPEH SATURDAY FOR TALKS WITH TOP CHINESE NATIONALIST LEADERS. THEY WILL LEAVE MONDAY FOR MANILA FOR THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT RAMON MAGSAYSAY.

HW314APS NM

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(100)

WITH U.S. 3RD DIVISION, KOREA, DEC. 25 (AP)-TODAY WAS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE CHRISTMAS M.SGT.FREDERICK J.LYNCH OF NORFOLK,MASS., HAS SPENT IN KOREA.

A CAREER SOLDIER, LYNCH FIRST CAME TO KOREA IN 1950, WHEN ALLIED SOLDIERS WERE SWEEPING NORTH TOWARD THE MACHURIAN BORDER. HE WAS SENT HOME TWICE WITH WOUNDS, BUT BOTH TIMES ASKED TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER TOUR OF DUTY. HE HAS SERVED WITH FOUR DIFFERENT OUTFITS.

"WE WERE RETREATING THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS," LYNCH RECALLED. "WE HAD CHRISTMAS TURKEY BUT WE HAD TO COOK IT BY BURNING IT OVER GASOLINE.

"WE WERE IN BUNKERS THE LAST TWO CHRISTMASES.

"IT'S NICE NOW...QUIET."

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1953

(250) A69

PARIS, DEC. 25 (AP)-PARIS-PRESSE, ONE OF THE LEADING AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS OF PARIS, SAID TODAY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR A U.N. ATOMIC POOL HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY AN AMAZING NEW DISCOVERY THAT ATOMIC MATERIALS CAN BE "DENATURED" TO REMOVE THEIR DESTRUCTIVENESS.

THE PAPER DID NOT GIVE EITHER THE SOURCE OF ITS STORY NOR DETAILS OF THE REPORTED DISCOVERY IN THE ARTICLE WHICH IT DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY.

PARIS-PRESSE SAID PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS PREPARED TO TURN OVER THE SECRET OF THE DISCOVERY TO RUSSIA, AND THAT THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY REMOVE RUSSIAN FEARS THAT ATOMIC MATERIAL IT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD "NUCLEAR BANK" WOULD EVER BE USED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION.

(IN WASHINGTON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SAID HE HAD NO COMMENT ON THE REPORT.)

THE NEWSPAPER SAID AMERICAN SCIENTISTS HAD MADE THE DISCOVERY AND HAD PERFECTED MEANS FOR "EMASCULATING" PLUTONIUM AND OTHER NUCLEAR MATERIAL WHICH GOES INTO AN ATOMIC BOMB. FISSIONABLE MATERIAL THUS "DENATURED" COULD NEVER AGAIN BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, THE ARTICLE SAID, BUT WOULD BE UNIMPAIRED FOR PEACEFUL CIVILIAN PURPOSES.

THE PAPER SAID THE PROCESS WAS TOO COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN IN LAYMEN'S LANGUAGE, BUT TAKES THE LETHAL KICK OUT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SO THAT IT IS USEFUL ONLY FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES.

IT ADDED THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS CONVINCED THE SYSTEM WOULD WORK BEFORE HE PROPOSED BEFORE THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEC. 9 THAT THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND OTHER NATIONS WITH THE SECRET OF THE ATOMIC BOMB TURN SOME OF THEIR MATERIAL INTO A PEACEFUL POOL.

PARIS-PRESSE SAID THE NEW DISCOVERY OPENED UP NEW HORIZONS FOR HUMAN PROGRESS WHICH STAGGERED THE IMAGINATION.

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A71

WIESBADEN, GERMANY, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE 7100TH U.S. AIR FORCE HOSPITAL HERE PASSED A MILESTONE LATE LAST NIGHT AS THE STORK WINGED IN WITH BABY NO.2,000-BORN TO PFC. AND MRS. THOMAS WARREN OF ADAIRVILLE, GA.

THE EIGHT-POUND BOY WAS NAMED TIMOTHY, AND IN A FEW DAYS COL. HAROLD F. FUNSCH OF ST. LOUIS, MO. (NO STREET ADDRESS AVAILABLE) WILL WELCOME HIM WITH FORMAL CEREMONIES AND A SPECIA BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

EVEN THE BURGOMASTER OF WIESBADEN WILL TAKE NOTICE OF TIMOTHY'S CHRISTMAS EVE ARRIVAL AND GIVE HIM A COMMEMORATIVE SCROLL.

TIMOTHY JOINS TWO OTHER YOUNG WARRENS, STEVE, 6, AND DAVIS, 4.

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1953

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A69

MOSCOW, DEC. 25 (AP)-INDIAN AMBASSADOR K.P.S. MENON CONFERRED WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER V.M. MOLOTOV FOR HALF AN HOUR TODAY.

THE INDIAN EMBASSY CALLED THE MEETING A "PRIVATE TALK" AND DECLINED TO DISCLOSE WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.

RJ947AES

A75

(120)

MOSCOW, SATURDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE SOVIET UNION SENT CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAIRMAN MAO TZE-TUNG OF COMMUNIST CHINA'S GOVERNMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY. THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA PUBLISHED THE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE TODAY, ALONG WITH A TWO-COLUMN PICTURE OF THE CHINESE LEADER.

(THE ONLY BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AVAILABLE IN WHICH MAO'S BIRTHDATE IS MENTIONED SAYS HE WAS BORN NOV. 19, 1393)

THE TELEGRAM HAILED MAO FOR LEADING CHINA "INTO THE WORLD ARENA WHERE IT HAS BECOME A POWERFUL FORCE IN THE CAMP OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY."

IT ALSO CALLED HIM THE "FLAGBEARER OF ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND SOVIET PEOPLES."

SM350PES

A77

MOSCOW, SATURDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-SOVIET NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER V.M. MOLOTOV YESTERDAY RECEIVED BALTAZAR CASTRO, PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

THE NEWSPAPERS SAID HE IS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AND IS IN MOSCOW AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOVIET PEACE COMMITTEE.

THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA SAID CASTRO HAD BEEN TOURING EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ATTEMPTING TO DRUM UP CUSTOMERS FOR CHILEAN COPPER AND OTHER PRODUCTS.

SM353PES

A79

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO, DEC. 25 (AP)-POLICE ARRESTED 20 PERSONS TODAY AS THE TOLL IN YESTERDAY'S TERRORIST BOMBING OF A CROWDED MARKET PLACE CLIMBED TO 19 DEAD AND 28 INJURED.

THE ENTIRE CITY WAS ALERTED AND FRENCH TROOPS RUSHED INTO THE TOWN TO REINFORCE POLICE IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF ANY FURTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES BLAMED THE BOMBING ON ISTIQLAL NATIONALISTS WHO HAVE ANNOUNCED FROM THEIR HIDEOUTS A CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AS A MEANS TO GET INDEPENDENCE FOR MOROCCO.

RJ1036AES

A39

SECOND NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINESE (230)

SAIGON, INDOCHINA, DEC. 25 (AP)-FRENCH TROOPS FOUGHT ALL CHRISTMAS DAY A POWERFUL NEW COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH DRIVE AIMED AT REACHING THE THAILAND FRONTIER AND CUTTING INDOCHINA IN TWO.

A FRENCH ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID ELEMENTS OF TWO VIETMINH DIVISIONS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS TAKING PART IN THE NEW DRIVE TOWARD THAKHEK, ON THE MEKONG RIVER FRONTIER BETWEEN THAILAND AND LAOS, ONE OF THE THREE FRENCH-PROTECTED INDOCHINESE STATES.

THE FRENCH POPULATION OF THAKHEK WAS ASKED BY OFFICIALS TO EVACUATE TO SAVANNAKET, 200 MILES TO THE SOUTH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INVADING UNITS, WHICH APPARENTLY STARTED THEIR DRIVE IN NORTH ANNAM, WERE ABOUT 60 MILES FROM THAKHEK. THE DRIVE WAS BEING PUSHED AT THE NARROWEST PART OF INDOCHINA, WHICH AT THIS POINT IS ONLY ABOUT 100 MILES ACROSS WITH THAKHEK AS THE FARTHEST POINT IN THE INTERIOR.

THAKHEK IS APPROXIMATELY 240 MILES SOUTH OF HANOI AND DOMINATES THE MEKONG VALLEY TO THE SOUTH. IT IS JUST ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE THAILAND TOWN OF LAKHON.

THE FRENCH SAID HARD FIGHTING WAS BEING WAGED IN THE JUNGLE ALONG COLONIAL ROUTE 12, MAIN INVASION ROUTE TOWARD THE WEST. SEVERAL VIETMINH COLUMNS WERE ADVANCING, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE FRENCH TO CONCENTRATE TO OPPOSE THEM. THEY WERE LIGHTLY ARMED AND SUPPLIES, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY WISHED TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS THROUGH THE SPARSELY INHABITED AND MOUNTAINOUS AREA.

FRENCH SPOKESMEN SAID REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES ARE BEING HURRIED TO THE NEW COMBAT ZONE AND THAT IT WAS HOPED THE SPEARHEADS COULD BE CHOPPED OFF WHEN THEY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

THE MEKONG APPARENTLY WAS THE MAIN ENEMY OBJECTIVE, JUST AS IT WAS LAST YEAR WHEN THE COMMUNIST-LED DIVISIONS LAUNCHED THEIR OFFENSIVE INTO NORTHERN LAOS. THIS DRIVE IS MORE THAN 100 MILES TO THE SOUTH.

(NO PICKUP)

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A125FX

BANGKOK, SATURDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE THAI GOVERNMENT TODAY PROCLAIMED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ALL NINE NORTHERN AND NORTHEASTERN STATES AFTER REPORTS THAT VIETMINH TROOPS HAD ATTACKED IN FORCE AND WITH PLANES. THE REPORTS SAID ALSO FRENCH FORCES WERE RETREATING TO SET UP NEW DEFENSES ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER WHICH SEPEARTES THAILAND FROM LAOS.

THE NEW FRENCH DEFENSE LINES WERE REPORTED ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS (31.5 MILES) FROM THAKHEK, A LAOS TOWN ON THE MEKONG OPPOSITE THE THAI PROVINCE OF NONGKHAI.

THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY WAS DECIDED UPON AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET AND HIGH MILITARY OFFICERS AT THE RESIDENCE OF PREMIER PHIBUN SONGKRAM. THE SITUATION IN LAOS WAS CONSIDERED A THREAT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THAILAND.

MILITARY CHIEFS, INCLUDING AIR CHIEF MARSHAL FUEN RONAPHAKAS, AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF; GEN. SARIT THANARAT, DEPUTY ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER, AND POLICE GEN. PHAO SRIYANOND, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE LEFT BANGKOK FOR NAKORN PANOM TO STUDY THE SITUATION AT FIRST HAND.

MILITARY FORCES ARE BEING RUSHED TO THE BORDER TO HELP STOP THE ADVANCE.

REPORTS TO THE GOVERNMENT HERE WERE THAT WAVES OF VIETMINH TROOPS SUDDENLY ATTACKED LUANG PRABANG, AFTER ADVANCE TROOPS HAD INFILTRATED THE POSITION AND CAUGHT THE FRENCH FORCES BY SURPRISE.

BATTLE PLANES WERE REPORTED IN USE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE INDOCHINESE WAR.

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NMCHIANG (250)

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, DEC. 25 (AP)-NATIONALIST CHINA'S PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK SAID TODAY HE HOPES THE NATIONALISTS WILL BE BACK ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND WITHIN A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR.

CHIANG SPOKE AT A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN'S ASSN., WHICH EARLIER DECIDED TO REQUEST THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN (PARLIAMENT) TO IMPREACH AND FIRE VICE PRESIDENT LI SUNG-JEN.

LI WAS DISOWNED BY THE RULING KUOMINTANG PARTY IN LATE 1951. THE NA-

TIONAL ASSEMBLY--MEETING WITHOUT A QUORUM--DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE THAT HE SHOULD BE OUSTED BUT WAS UNABLE TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION.

HOWEVER, THE ASSEMBLY WILL MEET NEXT FEBRUARY TO ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ASSEMBLYMEN WILL BE BROUGHT IN FROM HONG KONG AND MACAO AND ALTERNATES INSTALLED FOR OTHERS TO MAKE UP THE NEEDED 1,523-MEMBER QUORUM FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MAINLAND WAS LOST IN 1949. ONLY ABOUT 1,200 ARE NOW ON FORMOSA.

LI HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE HE LEFT THE MAINLAND BEFORE THE ADVANCING COMMUNIST ARMIES IN LATE 1949.

HIS OPPONENTS ACCUSED HIM OF LONG ABSENCE FROM DUTY AND MALICIOUS STATEMENTS.

LI HAS ACCUSED CHIANG OF "USURPING THE PRESIDENTIAL POWER." LI WAS ACTING PRESIDENT FOR A TIME UNTIL CHIANG AGAIN ASSUMED THE POSITION IN MARCH, 1950.

CHIANG SPOKE FOR 20 MINUTES. HE WAS INTERRUPTED FIVE TIMES BY LOUD BURSTS OF APPLAUSE.

IN ANOTHER ACTION, THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO ASK THE CABINET TO INVESTIGATE FOREIGN ASSETS OF CHINESE NATIONALS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF TAXING THEM OR GETTING LOANS FROM THEM.

JL245APS

1953

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NEWS (120)

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE DEATH OF JOSEPH STALIN WAS SELECTED TODAY BY THE CHINESE NATIONALIST EDITORS ASSOCIATION AS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORLD NEWS EVENT OF 1953, OUTRANKING THE KOREAN ARMISTICE, WHICH CAME IN SECOND.

OTHER EVENTS ON THE 10-EVENT LIST WERE:

3. RELEASE OF 26,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS OF WAR BY PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE OF SOUTH KOREA JUST BEFORE THE ARMISTICE.
4. REVOLTS IN EAST GERMANY.
5. EXECUTION OF LAVRENTY BERIA, DEPOSED HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE.
6. LIFTING OF THE BAN ON NATIONALIST MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE RED CHINA MAINLAND BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.
7. BIG THREE BERMUDA CONFERENCE.
8. PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE'S VISIT TO FORMOSA.
9. AMERICAN-SPANISH MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT.
10. RUSSIA'S H-BOMB EXPLOSION.

JL248APS

1953

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RICE (40)

TOKYO, DEC. 25 (AP)-KYODO NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TODAY TO IMPORT $11,646,444 WORTH OF RICE FROM ITALY AND SPAIN BY MARCH.

KYODO SAID JAPAN WILL IMPORT 30,000 TONS VALUED AT $6,090,000 FROM ITALY AND 27,644 TONS AT $5,556,444 FROM SPAIN.

JL246APS

1953

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(120)

TOKYO, SATURDAY, DEC.26 (AP)-PEIPING'S RED RADIO SAID LAST NIGHT IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST THAT THE 500 MILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED RECENTLY BY THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH KOREA ACTUALLY WAS AN AMERICAN EXPLOITATION SCHEME.

THE AGREEMENT, SIGNED SEOUL DEC.14, CALLS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAPITAL GOODS, CONSUMER GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS, LARGELY WITH U.S. MONEY, FOR ECONOMC REHABILITATION OF THE WAR-RAVAGED KOREAN REPUBLIC.

PEIPING, QUOTING AN UNNAMED "OBSERVER HERE," SAID "THE AMERICANS ARE TIGHTENING THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTROL AND INTENSIFYING THEIR ECONOMIC PLUNDER OF SOUTH KOREA."

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(180) NIGHT LEAD SOVIET NOTE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED TODAY A LETTER FROM GEORGI ZAROUBIN, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, CORRECTING AN ERROR IN THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE RUSSIAN REPLY TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ATOMIC ENERGY POOL.

THE UNOFFICIAL VERSION OF THE TEXT, DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, SAID AT ONE POINT, "THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD SUIT THE AGGRESSIVE FORCES."

CALLING THIS A "DISTORTION," ZAROUBIN WROTE THAT THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE READS IN ENGLISH:

"INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONING OF THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE AGGRESSIVE FORCES."

WHEN THE TEXT WAS DISTRIBUTED THE AP SAID ERRONEOUSLY THAT IT CAME FROM TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY. A RECHECK TODAY SHOWED THAT IT HAD COME FROM THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION.

THE BBC, INFORMED IN LONDON OF THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER, PLAYED BACK A RECORDING OF THE ORIGINAL MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST IN RUSSIAN AND FOUND THAT ZAROUBIN'S VERSION WAS CORRECT AND THEIR'S WAS WRONG. BBC ADDED THAT IT ISSUED A CORRECTION WHEN THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION BECAME AVAILABLE.

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LATER A COMMENTATOR NAMED MAXIMOV CHARGED IN THE MOSCOW RADIO'S HOME SERVICE THAT THE "REACTIONARY PRESS OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, AND IN THE FIRST PLACE THE [redacted] PRESS" HAD ATTEMPTED TO "DISTORT THE SUBSTANCE" OF THE SOVIET UNION'S REPLY TO THE EISENHOWER PROPOSALS. THE BROADCAST WAS HEARD IN LONDON. U.S.

PRAVDA, COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER IN MOSCOW, ALSO REPEATED ITS CHARGE OF LAST THURSDAY THAT SECRETAY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES HAD "DISTORBTED" THE SOVIET REPLY. PRAVDA'S EDITORIAL DECLARED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER WAS "BEING HUSHED UP AND DISTORTED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY THE UNITED STATES," AND SAID THE DISTORTION WAS AIMED CHIEFLY AT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT THE NATIONS TAKE A SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGE NOT TO USE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THE EDITORIAL ATTACKED DULLES' DEC. 21 REMARKS, QUOTING HIM AS SAYING THE SOVIET DECLARATION WAS ONLY A REPETITION OF ITS FORMER POSITION.

"SUCH ATTEMPTS TO HUSH UP OR DISTORT THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT ACCIDENTAL," SAID PRAVDA. "THEY ARE CLEARLY DICTATED BY THE WISH TO KEEP FROM THE PEOPLE THAT THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL PERMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPONS QUESTION. IF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR A PLEDGE NOT TO USE MASS DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS WERE ACCEPTED IT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE PATH TO AN EFFECTIVE BAN ON SUCH WEAPONS AND STRECT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF THEM."

SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES IN A PRESS STATEMENT ON DEC. 21 CALLED RUSSIA'S REPLY A "HOPEFUL SIGN" AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO TALK CONFIDENTIALLY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER ATOMIC POWERS ON THE EISENHOWER PLAN. BUT HE SAID TH SOVIET UNION "SEEMS NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT" OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL."

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NEW YORK, DEC. 25 (AP)-A SECOND GROUP OF SEVEN YOUNG COLLEGE EDITORS LEFT TODAY FOR A THREE-WEEK TOUR OF THE SOVET UNION.

RICHARD E. WARD OF (230 PELHAM RD.) NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., MANAGING EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO "MAROON," SAID HIS COMPANIONS HOPE TO VISIT AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIRST GROUP'S TOUR LAST SUMMER.

HE MENTIONED THE CRIMEA AND THE CAUCASUS IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA.

"WE WILL TRY," WARD SAID AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, "TO TELL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE MEET ABOUT LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY AND HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT MODES OF LIVING."

THE TOURISTS INCLUDE:

DAVID BARNEY, PORTLAND, ORE., EDITOR OF "REED QUEST," REED COLLEGE, PORTLAND; CRAIG E. LOVITT, GALESBURG, ILL., EDITOR, AND WILLIAM C.

IVES, ALEDO, ILL., ASSOCIATE EDITOR, KNOX COLLEGE "STUDENT," GALESBURG.
ALSO, GREGORY SHUKER, CHARLESTON, W.VA., EDITOR, AND RICHARD L.
ELDEN, CHICAGO, ASSOCIATE EDITOR, "DAILY NORTHWESTER," NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL., AND DEAN SCHOELKOPF, ST. CLOUD, MINN.,
EDITOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA "STUDENT DAILY."
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NIGHT LEAD KOREAN
BY FORREST EDWARDS

1953

PANMUNJOM, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION VOTED TODAY TO SUBMIT TWO CONFLICTING REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENED TO WRECK THE PROGRAM FOR "COME HOME" EXPLANATIONS TO BALKING WAR PRISONERS.

ONE WAS A MAJORITY REPORT APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CZECH, POLISH AND INDIAN MEMBERS. THE OTHER WAS A MINORITY REPORT BY THE SWISS AND SWEDISH MEMBERS, WHO REFUSED TO EVEN VOTE ON THE FIRST REPORT.

THE DECISION TO ATTQACH THE SWISS-SWEDISH VERSION TO THE CZECH-PLLISH-INDIAN VERSION WAS REACHED AT A 90-MINUTE NNRC MEETING TODAY.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN FOR THE NNRC SAID THE TWO REPORTS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMUNIST AND ALLIED COMMANDS MONDAY.

THE CONTENTS OF BOTH WERE KEPT SECRET TODAY AND THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MIGHT NOT BE RELEASED BY THE NNRC FOR SEVERAL DAYS, APPARENTLY WITH THE VIEW OF LETTING THE TWO COMMANDS RELEASE THE NEWS.

THE SWEDISH AND SWISS MEMBERS FIRST SUBMITTED THEIR MINORITY REPORT AT AN NNRC MEETING SATURDAY. IT WAS DISCUSSED 35 MINUTES BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON IT UNTIL TODAY.

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NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS
PANMUNJOM, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-[redacted]RED CHINA IS PRESSING FOR RESUMPTION OF EXPLANATIONS TO PRISONERS UNWILLING TO RETURN HOME.

THE REDS WANT TO WORK ANEW ON MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS AND TRY TO CHANGE THE TREND OF ONLY 138 CHOOSING REPATRIATION OUT OF THE FIRST 3,173 INTERVIEWED. ALTHOUGH AN EVEN HIGHER PERCENTAGE IN A PRO-RED COMPOUND HAS REFUSED REPATRIATION, THE TOTALS ARE MUCH SMALLER--22 AMERICANS, 1 BRITON, 327 SOUTH KOREANS.

LAST NIGHT PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST AN EDITORIAL BY THE PEOPLE'S DAILY, OFFICIAL NEWS ORGAN OF RED CHINA, SAYING "THE EXPLANATION WORK MUST BE CONTINUED TO MAKE UP FOR THE 90-DAY PERIOD AGREED ON FOR EXPLANATIONS."

ANOTHER BROADCAST SAID LT. GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA, INDIA'S CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WHICH SUPERVISED THE EXPLANATIONS, EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF YESTERDAY THE EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

PEIPING RADIO SAID GENERAL THIMAYYA TOLD WILFRED BURCHETT, CORRESPONDENT FOR THE PARIS L'HUMANITE, HE DID NOT THINK THERE SHOULD BE A "MECHANICAL TIME TABLE" FOR EXPLANATIONS.

THE PERIOD ENDED OFFICIALLY DEC. 23 BUT THE REDS ACCUSE THE U. N. COMMAND OF CREATING CONDITIONS WHICH CUT ACTUAL INTERVIEWS TO 10 DAYS AND INSIST UPON THE OTHER 80. THE ALLIED RETORT IS THAT THE REDS DELIBERATELY STALLED THE TALKS IN INDIGNATION OVER FAILURE TO WIN BACK A LARGER PERCENTAGE.

THE PEIPING EDITORIAL SAID AMERICAN DEMAND FOR ENDING THE EXPLANATIONS DEC. 23 AMOUNTED TO "A SERIOUS ACT OF PERFIDY." THE SELFSAME PERFIDY CHARGE IS THE ONE WHICH CAUSED U. S. ENVOY ARTHUR DEAN TO BREAK OFF TALKS FOR ARRANGING A PEACE CONFERENCE, SAYING THE CHARGE WAS ANINSULT WHICH THE REDS MUST RETRACT.

EVEN THE FIVE-NATION NEUTRAL REPATRIATION COMMISSION--CHAIRMAN

1953

INDIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA--APPEARS IN DISAGREEMENT OVER THE EXPLANATIONS WHICH IT SUPERVISED.

THURSDAY DELEGATES OF INDIA AND THE IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADOPTED A MAJORITY REPORT YET TO BE MADE PUBLIC FOR SUBMISSION TO THE RED AND U. N. COMMANDS.

THE SWISS AND SWEDE DELEGATES REFUSED TO VOTE ON THE REPORT OR SIGN IT, COMPILED A SEPARATE REPORT AND SUBMITTED IT TO THE N. N. R. C. SATURDAY. TODAY THE COMMITTEE CALLED A MEETING TO CONSIDER THE MINORITY REPORT.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THE TWO REPORTS WOULD BE RELEASED DURING THE WEEK.

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FRIDAY THE CZECH AND POLISH DELEGATES TOLD COMMUNIST NEWSMEN THAT THE OTHER THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION COMMITTED A "VERY SERIOUS VIOLATION" OF TRUCE TERMS BY VOTING THE EXPLANATIONS AT END DEC. 23.

THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, BROADCAST BY PEIPING AND MONITORED IN TOKYO, ARGUED THAT THE N. N. R. C. HAS AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET THE TRUCE TERMS AND "HAS A PERFECT RIGHT TO EXTEND THE EXPLANATION PERIOD AS IT SAID ON SEPT. 24TH IT WOULD DO."

THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ALSO CARRIED FORWARD THE RED ARGUMENT THAT PRISONERS REFUSING TO RETURN HOME AFTER EXPLANATIONS MUST HAVE THEIR CASES BROUGHT BEFORE A POLITICALCONFERENCE REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT CONVENES.

THIS RAN AGAINST INSISTENCE OF THE U. N. COMMAND THAT THE ARMISTICE TERMS CALL FOR THESE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED TO CIVILIAN STATUS JAN. 22 IF A POLITICAL CONFERENCE HAS NOT DEALT WITH THEM BY THAT TIME.

PRESENTLY TALKS AIMED AT SETTING UP THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE ARE IN INDEFINITE RECESS WITH EACH SIDE BLAMING THE OTHER FOR THE STALEMATE.

JQ154PCS NM

A150KX (MOORE)
AMS BUDGET
NIGHT LEAD TERRY MOORE (400)
BY FORREST EDWARDS

SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-THAT ERMINE SWIM SUIT WHICH ACCENTED TERRY MOORE'S CHARMS, POPPED GI EYES AND STIRRED UP A CONTROVERSY WITH A TOUCH OF MYSTERY WAS TUCKED AWAY IN THE ACTRESS' TRUNK.

THERE IT WILL STAY, THE CURVACEOUS BRUNETTE SAID, WHILE SHE FINISHES A USO TOUR, THEN "MAYBE I WILL HAVE A MUFF MADE OUT OF IT WHEN I GET HOME."

REPORTS WERE SHE HAD BEEN "ORDERED" HOME UNLESS SHE QUIT WEARING IT. THE MYSTERY WAS--BY WHOM?

BOTH MISS MOORE AND JOHNNY GRANT, LOS ANGELES DISC JOCKEY MANAGING THE SHOW, SAID SUCH AN ORDER CAME SATURDAY.

THE U. S. 8TH ARMY AND 10TH CORPS HEADQUARTERS DENIED FLATLY THAT ANY SUCH ORDERS CAME FROM THEM.

MISS MOORE AND GRANT SAID THE "ORDER" CAME FROM GEORGE MURPHY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLLYWOOD COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR USO SHOWS.

IN HOLLYWOOD, MURPHY, WHO HAD FROWNED ON WEARING OF THE ERMINE SWIM SUIT AND HAD ASKED MISS MOORE NOT TO TAKE IT ALONG, SAID NEITHER HE NOR THE COMMITTEE ORDERED HER HOME. HE SAID THAT WAS UP TO THE ARMY.

THERE WAS NO MYSTERY ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE SUIT. MISS MOORE GOT UNDIVIDED ATTENTION CHRISTMAS DAY WHEN SHE APPEARED IN IT. THE SUIT IS NOT PARTICULARLY STARTLING AS SWIM SUITS GO.

MISS MOORE SAID IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT A BIKINI. IT EXPOSED HER

BARE LEGS DOWN TO THE TOPS OF HER FUR-LINED BOOTS. IT SHOWED OFF ABOUT SIX INCHES OF MIDRIFF. BUT IT HAD A COMPARATIVELY HIGH NECK FOR SWIM SUITS.

GRANT SAID THE TROUBLE--WHATEVER IT WAS--STEMMED FROM "A MISCONCEPTION THAT MISS MOORE PERFORMED A STRIP ACT WHICH, OF COURSE, IS NOT TRUE."

"EVEN THE CHAPLAIN WHO SAW THE CHRISTMAS DAY SHOW COMPLIMENTED US ON HAVING A GOOD CLEAN SHOW," GRANT ADDED.

BOTH GRANT AND MISS MOORE INSISTED THE FURORE WAS NOT A PUBLICITY STUNT.

GRANT TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE TALKED OVER THE SWIM SUIT MATTER "WITH ARMY CHAPLAINS AND GENERALS" AFTER THE TROPE ARRIVED IN KOREA, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS, SHE WAS ALLOWED TO WEAR IT. MISS MOORE SINGS AND PLAYS A "STRAIGHT" ROLE TO GRANT'S COMEDY TURN.

GRANT SAID HE GOT A CHRISTMAS NIGHT MESSAGE FROM MURPHY ASKING THAT MISS MOORE BE PUT ON A PLANE FOR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE SHE WORE THE SUIT AGAINST MURPHY'S INSTRUCTIONS.

LATER HE ANNOUNCED THAT "EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT NOW AND MISS MOORE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE TROUPE."

MISS MOORE, WHO CALLS THE SUIT "REALLY VERY CONSERVATIVE . . . IT MADE ME LOOK LIKE A LITTLE SANTA CLAUS," WILL WEAR SLACKS AND SWEATER FOR THE REST OF HER APPEARANCES IN THE TOUR, DUE TO CONTINUE THROUGH JAN. 3.

JQ1241PCS NM

A100FX

WITH TERRY MOORE (70)

TOKYO, DEC. 26 (AP)-SINGER PHYLLIS MCCANN OF A TOURING USO TROUPE SUFFERED MINOR FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURNS IN A STOVE EXPLOSION IN KOREA YESTERDAY AND WAS TAKEN TO A TOKYO ARMY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

MISS MCCANN AND LUCILLE BENNETT BOTH WERE BURNED BY A STOVE EXPLOSION WHICH THREW SCALDING WATER ON THEM. MISS BENNETT IS IN A SEOUL HOSPITAL.

THE TWO ACTRESSES ARE PART OF THE JOHNNY GRANT-TERRY MOORE USO TEAM TOURING KOREA.

JL636APS NM

B23KX (SEC)

PHOTOG (220)

SEOUL, DEC.26 (AP)-A JAPANESE CAMERAMAN FOR AN AMERICAN NEWSREEL FIRM WAS JAILED ON ASSAULT CHARGES BY KOREAN POLICE TONIGHT. U.S. ARMY AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY PLACED A PROTECTIVE GUARD OVER HIM.

THE CAMERAMAN WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE ARMY AS AKIRA SHIRAISHI, EMPLOYED BY UNITED PRESS-MOVIETONE AND ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND.

SHIRAISHI WAS ARRESTED BY KOREAN POLICE WAITING FOR HIM AT THE GATE OF THE SEOUL CORRESPONDENTS BILLETS. THEY SAID HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT OF A KOREAN GUARD AT THE SAME GATE ABOUT 2 A.M. WEDNESDAY. FELLOW JAPANESE CORRESPONDDENTS DENIED HE HAD STRUCK THE GUARD.

ARMY OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE PRESS BILLETS SAID SHIRAISHI WAS FOUND IN THE SEOUL JAIL TWO HOURS LATER.

A U.S. ARMY GUARD WAS LEFT AT THE JAIL, ARMY OFFICER SAID, TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT NOTHING HAPPENED TO SHIRAISHI.

A NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER, COMMENTING ON SHIRAISHI'S ARREST, SAID THE CAMERAMAN SHOWED "AN IMPERIALISTIC ATTITUDE" AND PREDICTED HE WOULD BE STERNLY PUNISHED.

THE KOREAN POLICE OFFICER ALSO SAID KOREAN POLICE WOULD "RESIST ANY OUTSIDE PRESSURE FAVORING SHIRAISHI."

AN AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER SAID SHIRAISHI WAS UNHARMED. HE SAID THERE WAS NO CHARGE AGAINST THE CAMERAMAN ON RECORD AT THE JAIL.

THE OFFICER SAID THE ARMY WAS TRYING TO FIND SEOUL'S POLICE CHIEF TO GET SHIRAISHI RELEASED TO 8TH ARMY AUTHORITIES.

FR659ACS NM

A145FX

SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-SEOUL HAD TWO BRIEF AIR RAID ALERTS TODAY.

THE ALERTS WERE TOUCHED OFF WHEN ALLIED RADAR PICKED UP PLANES NORTH OF SEOUL. AN AIR FORCE OFFICER SAID THE PLANES LATER WERE IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY.

AS1129PPS NM

A47FX

SPELLMAN (200)

U.S. 40TH DIVISION, KOREA, DEC. 26 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN FLEW ACROSS SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAINS TODAY TO VISIT MORE THAN 3,300 MEN OF THE 40TH U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION.

HE STOOD BAREHEADED BEFORE A MICROPHONE AND ADDRESSED A CROWD OF 500 MEN AND OFFICERS WHO MET HIM AT THE DIVISION AIRSTRIP, INCLUDING 9TH CORPS COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. THOMAS F. HICKEY, 40TH DIVISION COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. RIDGELY GAITHER, AND 40TH DIVISION CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) WILLIAM B. SHARP.

THE 160TH REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, COL. CHARLES R. (MONK) MEYER, BRADENTOWN, PA., FORMER WEST POINT FOOTBALL STAR, WAS THE CARDINAL'S HOST AT A NOON MEAL AT HIS REGIMENT.

LATER THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK TALKED TO MORE THAN 2,000 AT THE 160TH REGIMENT THEATER.

THE CARDINAL TOLD THE MEN THAT THEY SHOULD TRY "TO BE WORTHY OF THEIR EARTHLY MOTHERS WHO BORE THEM AND THEIR HEAVENLY MOTHER, MARY."

CARDINAL SPELLMAN THEN CONFERRED BRIEFLY WITH CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN CAPT. GEORGE SCHUMAKER, SIOUX CITY, IOWA, AND CAPT. ROBERT FEENEY, SCRANTON, PA.

THE CHURCH LEADER THEN TRAVELED TO THE 224TH REGIMENT WHERE HE WAS THE GUEST OF COL. LOUIS A. WALSH, MANHATTAN, N.Y.

ABOUT 800 MEN HEARD THE CARDINAL SAY: "AMERICAN SOLDIERS HAVE TAUGHT ME BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE LEARNED IN ANY OTHER WAY WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME."

THE CARDINAL THEN GAVE THE BARE-HEADED THRONG HIS BLESSING AND LEFT THE AIRFIELD TO CONTINUE HIS TOUR.

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A17KX (SPELLMAN FM B)

SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC.27 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN RETURNED TO SEOUL YESTERDAY AFTER THREE DAYS VISITING AMERICAN TROOPS ACROSS THE WINTRY KOREAN FRONT.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND MILITARY VICAR FOR CATHOLICS IN THE ARMED FORCES ARRIVED IN A LIGHT PLANE PILOTED BY LT. ROBERT MICHELLON, 1109 STATE ST., ALBANY,N.Y.

DURING HIS FRONTLINE TOUR, HE CELEBRATED MASS FIVE TIMES FOR ARMY CONGREGATIONS. HE VISITED 18 ARMY ORGANIZATIONS SINCE CHRISTMAS EVEN AND DELIVERED 16 ADDRESSES TO AN ESTIMATED 18,500 MEN. HE GAVE 11 TALKS IN THE OPEN, STANDING BAREHEADED BEFORE A MICROPHONE.

THE ARCHBISHOP MET ABOUT 8,000 OF HIS LISTENERS INDIVIDUALLY AND SHOOK HANDS WITH EACH.

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A143FX

SPELLMAN (100)

SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND MILITARY ORDINATE OF THE ARMED FORCES, ANNOUNCED TODAY HE WILL MAKE A DONATION OF $35,000 (T) TO KOREAN ORPHANS ON BEHALF OF THE CATHOLICS OF NEW YORK.

THE DONATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF KOREA TO BE USED FOR THE CARE AND EDUCATION OF ORPHANS, THE PRELATE SAID.

"I WANT TO HAVE A PART WITH OUR SOLDIERS IN HELPING YOUR CHILDREN

GROW UP TO BE WORTHY CITIZENS OF KOREA," THE CARDINAL SAID TO SOME 600 KOREAN CATHOLICS, INCLUDING 80 KOREAN ORPHAN GIRLS, AT THE SEOUL CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM.

THE CARDINAL CELEBRATED MASS IN THE 35 YEAR OLD CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BEFORE A CONGREGATION OF MORE THAN 900 KOREANS THIS MORNING.

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B19KX (Q)
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1953

SEOUL, DEC. 26 (AP)-PFC. JACK E. BARON SUBSTITUTED A HUGE ARMY TRUCK FOR THE TRADITIONAL OVER-THE-SHOULDER PACK WHEN HE PLAYED SANTA CLAUS.

HE HAD TO--HIS PRESENTS TO THE TOWONDONG PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANAGE IN SEOUL WAS A 10-FOOT-LONG, 7-FOOT-HIGH TOY LOCOMOTIVE HE MADE HIMSELF.

THE BRONX, N.Y., SOLDIER--HIMSELF AN ORPHAN--BUILT THE LOCOMOTIVE OUT OF OIL DRUMS, SCRAP LUMBER AND DISCARDED SIGNAL WIRE REELS. GAUDY IN ITS YELLOW, GREEN AND RED PAINT, IT CARRIED SOUTH KOREAN FLAGS ON EACH SIDE OF ITS SMOKESTACK.

A HALF DOZEN YOUNGSTERS CAN RIDE IN THE CAB WHILE ANOTHER DOZEN PUSH IT AROUND THE ORPHANAGE GROUNDS.

AFTER HE ROLLED IT OUT OF THE TRUCK AND THE SCREAMING KIDS HAD PUSHED IT ABOUT THE YARD FOR A FEW MINUTES, BARON LINED UP THE YOUNGSTERS AND HANDED OUT 450 GIFT PARCELS DONATED BY FELLOW SOLDIERS. THEY INCLUDED TOYS, BOOKS, AND WARM WINTER CLOTHING.

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AMS BUDGET

NIGHT LEAD FRENCH (620)

BY JOHN RODERICK

PARIS, DEC.26 (AP)-FRENCHMEN SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS" OR "HAPPY NEW YEAR" DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON ARE DOING SO A LITTLE HOLLOWLY. THERE IS NOTHING VERY MERRY ABOUT THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LABOR HEADACHES THEY HAVE SUFFERED IN THE PAST WEEKS.

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE HASN'T BEEN LIKE CHRISTMAS IN ANY OTHER CIVILIZED COUNTRY OF THE GLOBE.

FOR ONE THING, A 6-DAY-OLD STRIKE OF COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS HAS SWEPT THE SKY CLEAR OF ALL COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION AT A TIME WHEN THOUSANDS OF PERSONS NORMALLY COME TO PARIS TO SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW ONE IN.

ONLY ONE PLANE TOOK OFF FROM ORLY AIRPORT HERE. IT WAS BOUND FOR INDOCHINA TO HELP IN THE FRENCH WAR EFFORT THERE.

MOST AIRLINES, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND BRITISH, CONTINUED TO DIVERT THEIR PLANES TO BRUSSELS, SHUTTLING PASSENGERS TO PARIS BY TRAIN. THERE WAS LITTLE HOPE THE STRIKE OF 2,000 CONTROL TOWER, RADIO AND RADAR OPERATORS WOULD END BEFORE JAN.1.

A FOUR-DAY STRIKE OF POSTAL LETTER SORTERS HAS REDUCED HOLIDAY MAIL DELIVERIES--USUALLY AT THEIR PEAK--TO A WAN TRICKLE. MORE THAN 100,000 BAGS OF MAIL FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE PILED HIGH IN THE BIG PARIS RAILROAD STATIONS. EVEN IF THE STRIKE SHOULD END NOW, AND THERE IS NO SIGN IT WILL, IT WOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS BEFORE SUSAN GETS HER CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM AUNT EMMA IN NEW YORK.

THE STRIKES HIT THE FRENCH JUST AS THEY HAD BEGUN TO SIGH WITH RELIEF OVER THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

FRENCH MORALE, WHICH ALREADY WAS FAIRLY LOW, SUFFERED A TREMENDOUS BEATING DURING THE PROTRACTED ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IT TOOK A DIVIDED, CONFUSED AND INEFFECTUAL PARLIAMENT A WEEK AND 13 BALLOTS TO ELECT RENE COTY PRESIDENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC. DURING THAT TIME, THE FRENCH PRESS LAMBASTED THE PRESIDENTIAL CONGRESS FOR PUTTING UP SUCH A SHAMEFUL PERFORMANCE.

THE FOREIGN PRESS AND OFFICIALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES RUBBED SALT INTO THE WOUNDS BY WONDERING OUT LOUD WHETHER FRANCE HADN'T BETTER

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RESIGN HERSELF TO BEING A SECOND-RATE POWER INSTEAD OF TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH THE BIG FOUR.

BESIDES TROUBLES AT HOME, THE FRENCH ARE WINCING OVER NEW SETBACKS ABROAD.

IN CASABLANCA, THE BIGGEST CITY OF HER MOROCCAN PROTECTORATE, TERRORISTS THREW A BOMB INTO A CROWDED MARKETPLACE THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. NINETEEN PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 28 INJURED. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THE BOMBING INCIDENT IS A PRESSING SYMPTOM OF MOUNTING UNREST IN THE PROTECTORATE WHOSE NATIONALISTS ARE DEMANDING GREATER AUTONOMY.

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THE FINAL BLOW FELL TODAY IN INDOCHINA, WHERE THE 7-YEAR-OLD WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH IS DRAINING OFF FRENCH MONEY AND MANPOWER TO AN ALARMING EXTENT.

THE VIETMINH STABBED ACROSS THE NARROW WAIST OF INDOCHINA TO THE THAILAND BORDER IN AN ATTEMPT TO CUT THE EMBATTLED COUNTRY IN TWO. FOR FRENCH AND FRENCH UNION SOLDIERS IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD, IT WAS A BLEAK CHRISTMAS, INDEED.

THE FRENCH PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE BEGINNING TO BURN SLOWLY WITH INDIGNATION AT THE UNHAPPY STATE INTO WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS FALLEN.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME BITTER EDITORIALS IN THE NEWSPAPERS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, CULMINATING WITH THIS MORNING'S EDITION OF THE RIGHT WING L'AURORE.

IT'S LEAD STORY WAS HEADLINED: "MAIL DELIVERIES TIED UP, AIR TRAFFIC PARALYZED--SUCH, AFTER THE CRAZY WEEK AT VERSAILLES, IS THE ART OF DISCREDITING A NATION!"

"ONE WOULD SAY," THE PAPER WROTE, "THAT FROM ALL SIDES AT ONCE PEOPLE ARE TO WORK DESTROYING FRANCE FROM WITHIN AS THOUGH IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO HAVE AN INSANE WEEK AT VERSAILLES AND THE SPECTACLE SUPPLIED BY 13 BALLOTS..."

THE PAPER OBSERVED THAT THE LETTER SORTERS AND AIRPORT WORKERS MAY HAVE REASON TO STRIKE, BUT IT WAS INDEFENSIBLE TO STRIKE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

THE NET RESULT OF ALL THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND LABOR AGITATION IS THAT "TOURISTS WILL GO ANYWHERE, EXCEPT TO FRANCE", THE PAPER SAID. IT CALLED ON THE FRENCH TO PAUSE BEFORE CONTINUING THE DOWNHILL SLIDE.

WITH A SERIES OF HUMILIATIONS BEHIND THEM, THE FRENCH ARE LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH A NEW ONE NEXT JAN.25. INFORMANTS IN MOSCOW SAID THE RUSSIANS TODAY PROPOSED THAT THE BIG FOUR MEET ON THAT DATE OR LATER.

BUT WITH THE FRENCH CABINET DUE TO RESIGN AUTOMATICALLY UPON THE INAUGURATION, JAN.17, OF PRESIDENT COTY, A NEW CABINET MAY NOT BE FORMED AND FUNCTIONING BY JAN.25.

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B58 (Q)

WITH FRENCH BUDGET (620)

BY HARVEY HUDSON

(CO -DAYTON ASKED)

PARIS, DEC. 26 (AP)-WHEN RENE COTY MOVES INTO THE ELYSEE PALACE IN MID-JANUARY AS FRANCE'S NEW PRESIDENT, HE WILL FIND HIMSELF A PRISONER OF PROTOCOL, DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THE NATION WITHOUT SPEAKING FOR IT.

HE MUST PRESIDE OVER POLICY-MAKING BODIES WITHOUT OPENLY MOVING TO HELP MAKE THE POLICY, OR HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS EXECUTION. HE MUST SPEND MOST OF HIS WORKING HOURS ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS, YET BE ABOVE POLITICS. HE MUST LISTEN TO THE OPINIONS OF EVERY POLITICAL PARTY, YET REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING ANY OPINION OF HIS OWN. HE WILL

HAVE TO MAKE FREQUENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES, BUT CONFINE HIS REMARKS ON THOSE OCCASIONS TO NON-POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S JOB IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT OF THE BRITISH MONARCH. WITH A 7-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE, HE IS SUPPOSED TO ASSURE A CONTINUITY OF POLICY IN THE CONSTANT TURNOVER OF CABINETS.

AT ONE TIME THE DRAFTERS OF THE 1946 FRRENCH CONSTITUTION CONSIDEREI ABOLISHING THE OFFICE. BUT THE PRESIDENCY WAS RETAINED WITH LIMITED POWERS. ALMOST ALL ACTUAL POWER WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.

THE CONSTITUTION DRAFTERS FAILED TO FORESEE, HOWEVER, THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MIGHT SOMETIMES BE UNABLE TO ACT EFFECTIVELY. IT IS NOW BADLY SPLINTERED, WITH SIX MAJOR PARTIES AND SEVERAL SMALLER ONES -- AND MOST RENT BY INTERNAL DIVISIONS.

ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT CANNOT DIRECT POLICY, OCCASIONALLY HIS CONCILIATION CAN GIVE IT A NUDGE.

ON THE EUROPEAN ARMY QUESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESIDENT HAS NO SAY ON WHEN IT SHOULD BE CALLED UP FOR RATIFICATION, WHAT ACTION SHOULI BE TAKEN, OR HOW THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONDUCT ITSELF. THESE ARE MATTERS FOR THE CABINET TO DECIDE. BUT WHEN THE CABINET MAKES ITS DECISION, THE PRESIDENT WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING. BY HIS SUMMIN UP OF ARGUMENTS, HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR COMPROMISING VARIOUS VIEWS, AND POSSIBLY BY PRIVATE TALKS WITH MINISTERS TO LIST POSSIBLE MEANS OF ACTION, HE MIGHT HAVE MORE INFLUENCE THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL MINISTER.

BRIEFLY, HERE ARE THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:

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1. HE MUST NOMINATE NEW PREMIERS. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT A NOMINATION AND, BY REFUSING, LEAVIES IT UP TO THE PRESIDENT TO NAME A NEW MAN. LAST MAY AND JUNE, IN 37 DAYS OF CRISIS, PRESIDENT VINCENT AURIOL HAD TO NAME FIVE MEN BEFORE JOSEPH LANIEL WAS ACCEPTED.

2. HE PRESIDES OVER :OUNCILS OF MINISTERS," THE TOP-RANK CABINET MEETINGS. THE MINUTES OF SUCH MEETINGS ARE KEPT BY THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

3. HE PRESIDES OVER THE COUNCIL OF THE SUPREME MAGISTRATURE, THE TOP POLICY MAKING BODY OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THIS GROUP OVERSEES THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JUDICIARY, APPOINTS JUDGES, DECIDES ON AMNESTY POLICIES. AMNESTIES ARE DECREED IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT.

4. HE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. ARMED SERVICES CHIEFS OF STAFF, THE PREMIER, DEFENSE MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER SIT ON THIS GROUP. THE PRESIDENT IS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.

5. HE PRESIDES OVER MEETINGS OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE FRENCH UNION. IN ADDITION TO BEING PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, COTY WILL HOLD THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH UNION. IN PRACTICE THE UNION NEVER HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PUSHED AS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION. ONLY THE THREE INDOCHINESE STATES ARE MEMBERS AND THEY ARE PRESSING FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE.

6. HE RECEIVES ALL FOREIGN AMBASSADORS WHEN THEY PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT AURIOL RECEIVED COPIES OF ALL DIPLOMATIC CABLES EACH MORNING FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND WENT OVER THEM CAREFULLY.

7. HE OFFICIALLY SIGNS ALL LAWS AND TREATIES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT. HE MAY SEND BILLS BACK FOR RE-CONSIDERATION WITH A MESSAGE EXPLAINING HIS MOTIVES. BUT PARLIAMENT IS THE FINAL JUDGE.

8. HE MAY SEND MESSAGES TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON OTHER SUBJECTS, BUT PRESIDENT AURIOL NEVER HAS.

9. HE RECEIVES AND ENTERTAINS VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE AND VISITS FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON STATE VISITS.

10. FINALLY, HE MUST MAKE NUMBERLESS PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND LAY COUNTLESS WREATHS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER. HE OPENS ART SHOWS. DEDICATES DAMS, LENDS HIS PRESTIGE TO HORSE RACES AND CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GAMES, AND AIDS WORTHWHILE CHARITIES.

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(480)

BY FRANK BRUTTO

ROME, DEC. 26 (AP)-ITALY'S TOP SOOTHSAYERS ADVISE THE WORLD TO RELAX --1954 IS GOING TO BE A "DOCILE" YEAR. NO BIG WAR, THEY SAY. ONLY A LITTLE TROUBLE HERE AND THERE.

MALENKOV WILL HOLD POWER IN RUSSIA DURING 1954, BUT HE SHOULD KEEP HIS EYES OPEN, ESPECIALLY FOR A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHO IS GOING TO THROW HER WEIGHT AROUND THE KREMLIN.

ADOLF HITLER, AS SOME OF ITALY'S BEST CRYSTAL GAZERS DECLARED A YEAR AGO, IS STILL ALIVE. BUT HE'S CUT OFF HIS MUSTACHE AND SPORTS A BLOND WIG.

HERE'S HOW THE FIRST OF ITALY'S SORCERERS WHO HAVE GONE INTO THEIR ANNUAL ACT SEE THE SHINY NEW YEAR:

ACHILLE D'ANGELO, WHITE-HAIRED CONTENDER FOR THE TITLE OF "SORCERER OF NAPLES," SAYS 1954 WILL SEE THE MEETING OF THE BIG FOUR AND "AN OPENING ROAD FOR DEFINITE AGREEMENT."

A YEAR AGO, D'ANGELO FORECAST A MEETING OF EISENHOWER AND STALIN IN 1953. HE ALSO FORECAST THE END OF THE FIGHTING IN KOREA. ONE HIT, ONE MISS.

THIS WEEK, D'ANGELO, WHO MET SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL IN VENICE TWO YEARS AGO, MADE A "TRANCE-TRIP" BEYOND THE IRON CURTAIN, AS ONE ROME NEWSPAPER REPORTED IT.

HE SAW FOR 1954 MALENKOV STILL WIEDING A HEAVY HAND OVER RUSSIA, BUT A TENDENCY FOR RUSSIA'S SATELLITES TO BREAK AWAY FROM DOMINATION DURING THE COMING YEAR.

"I SEE A WOMAN WITH MUCH INFLUENCE OVER MALENKOV," HE MUTTERED. "SHE IS MOVING RESTLESSLY ABOUT THE KREMLIN. SHE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL.

"GERMANY," HE INTONED, "WILL ARM TO THE TEETH IN 1954, BUT HITLER WILL NOT ABANDON HIS HIDING PLACE IN A CELLAR IN EAST BERLIN. . . THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN UNTIL 1960."

D'ANGELO SAID HE SAW HITLER PLAINLY. HE HAS TRIMMED OFF THE FAMOUS MUSTACHE AND NOW WEARS A BLOND WIG.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD NEXT YEAR:

EX-KING UMBERTO OF ITALY WILL BE THE CENTER OF POLITICAL STORM, BUT IT WILL WIND UP ONLY A "STRAW FIRE." THE FLYING SAUCERS WILL APPEAR IN GREAT NUMBERS, BUT WILL DEFINITELY TURN OUT TO BE EARTH WEAPONS.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH OF ENGLAND (GOD SAVE HER)," INTONED D'ANGELO, "WILL UNDERGO SURGICAL TREATMENT DURING 1954. A GREAT PARLIAMENTARIAN WILL DIE IN ENGLAND. BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED IN EGYPT AND TITO WILL HAVE A HARD TIME."

LELIO ALBERTO FABRIANI, THE "SORCERER OF ROME," WARNED ROMANS TO WATCH OUT FOR A BREAK FROM THE CITY'S ZOO IN 1954. BEASTS WILL ROAM THE STREETS, HE SAID, AND THERE WILL ALSO BE BIG SCANDAL IN THE ITALIAN CAPITAL.

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NORTHERN ITALIAN SOOTHSAYERS, AMONG THEM "BARBANERA" -- BLACKBEARD-- SAW 1954 AS "A YEAR OF PEACE." THIS WAS A DIFFERENT TUNE FROM A YEAR AGO, WHEN MANY ITALIAN CRYSTAL GAZERS FORECAST OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR III FOR 1954.

ROME'S MARCHIONESS EMILIA DI SANT'ANGELO, SORCERER TO THE NOBILITY OF ROME, SAID 1954 WILL "MOST CERTAINLY BE A DOCILE YEAR, ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE FOR MEN."

"THE NEW YEAR," SHE SAID, "WILL BE A MASCULINE YEAR."

FROM PALERMO, SICILY, ONE OF THE NEWCOMERS TO THE SOOTHSAYING RANKS, RENATO PERA, WHO PREFERS TO BE KNOWN AS "PROFESSOR SAVELLI," HAD THIS TO SAY: "CATACLYSM IN NORTHERN EUROPE, PLOT IN THE KREMLIN AND DANGER OF DEATH FOR A NOTED ORCHESTRA LEADER."

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RANDAZZO, SICILY, DEC. 26 (AP)-ANTONIO PALLANTE, THE SICILIAN STUDENT WHO PUMPED THREE BULLETS INTO ITALY'S COMMUNIST LEADER PALMIRO TOGLIATTI 5 1/2 YEARS AGO, HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL UNDER THE NATION'S NEW AMNESTY ACT.

HE LEFT UNNOTICED AMONG OVER 17,000 OTHER PRISONERS FREED UNDER THE AMNESTY JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. RETURNING TO HIS HOME HERE, HE SAID HE HOPES TO RESUME HIS STUDIES OF LAW.

PALLANTE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS FOR PREMEDITATED ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE. HE SHOT TOGLIATTI AS THE MOSCOW-TRAINED PARTY LEADER LEFT THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ON JULY 14, 1948. HE CONTENDED HE FIRED THE SHOTS FOR MORAL AND SOCIAL REASONS.

TOGLIATTI'S PARTY CLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND THE SHOOTING. SUBSEQUENT NATION-WIDE DEMONSTRATIONS CARRIED ITALY CLOSE TO CIVIL WAR.
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B9 (SCEG)
(ADVANCE FOR PMS OF SATURDAY DEC. 26)
MINDSZENTY (450)
BY FRANK BRUTTO

(ADVANCE)....VATICAN CITY, DEC. 26 (AP)-MONDAY IS A FATEFUL ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLICS OF HUNGARY. JOSEF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY WAS ARRESTED DEC. 28, 1948. FIVE YEARS LATER, THE CHURCH IN HUNGARY IS SQUARELY UNDER THE HEEL OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

THE WORDS OF POPE PIUS XII, SPOKEN SHORTLY AFTER CARDINAL MINDSZENTY WAS SENTENCED NOW SEEM FULFILLED--AT LEAST ON THE SURFACE. THE PONTIFF SAID THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF THE CARDINAL'S TRIAL WAS TO DISRUPT THE CHURCH IN HUNGARY.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IS DESCRIBED BY THE POPE AS "THE CHURCH OF SILENCE." LAST MONTH, IN A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, THE VATICAN'S L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO SAID HUNGARY'S COMMUNIST REGIME CONTROLS THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH THERE AS AN ADJUNCT OF THE STATE "WITH THE HELP OF THE LESS WORTHY ELEMENTS OF THE CLERGY."

DESPITE THIS, SOURCES HERE WITH HUNGARIAN CONTACTS SAY THAT EVEN WITH THE SUBJUGATION OF THE HIERARCHY AND THE ELIMINATION OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS, CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, MOST OF HUNGARY'S SEVEN MILLION ROMAN CATHOLICS--70 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION--STILL DEVOUTLY PRACTICE THEIR FAITH.

L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO NOTED THAT THE CHURCH'S OPEN RESISTANCE TO THE RED REGIME WAS BROKEN IN 1951 WITH THE ARREST, TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF ARCHBISHOP JOSEF GROESZ OF KALOCSA, SECOND RANKING CATHOLIC PRELATE IN HUNGARY.

A MONTH AFTER HIS TRIAL, HUNGARY'S COMMUNIST REGIME DECREED THAT HIGH CHURCH DIGNITARIES COULD NOT BE APPOINTED WITHOUT ITS CONSENT. HUNGARY'S PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, THE COUNTRY'S SUPREME AUTHORITY, WAS GIVEN POWER TO RESCIND ALL APPOINTMENTS MADE AFTER JAN. 1, 1946.

THAT FINAL AND TIGHTEST CONTROL MEASURE FOLLOWED A CHURCH-STATE AGREEMENT ARCHBISHOP GROESZ HAD SIGNED AUG. 30, 1950, IN AN EFFORT TO STEM THE TIDE. BY THAT AGREEMENT THE CHURCH ABANDONED ALL BUT 4 OF 63 MONASTIC ORDERS. IT DECLARED PUBLIC SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND BENT BEFORE AN OFFICIAL DEMAND THAT THOUSANDS OF MONKS AND NUNS LEAVE THEIR RELIGIOUS ORDERS TO WORK IN FACTORIES AND FIELDS.

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IN AN EXHAUSTIVE COMPILATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SITUATION IN IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES, THE SWISS HIERARCHY SAID 1,000 PRIESTS, NUNS AND BISHOPS WERE BELIEVED TO BE IN HUNGARIAN CAMPS, WHILE 538 WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR KILLED AND 80 EXILED.

L'OSSERVATORE SAYS PRELATES IN JAIL IN ADDITION TO CARDINAL MINDSZENTY AND ARCHBISHOP GROESZ INCLUDE BISHOP JOHN VOJTASSAK OF SZEPES. BISHOP JOSEF PETERY OF VAC IS CONFINED IN AN UNKNOWN LOCALITY. MSGR. ZOLTAN MESZLENYI, TITULAR ARCHBISHOP OF SINOPE. IS IN A

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CONCENTRATION CAMP. OTHER BISHOPS ARE "GRAVELY OBSTRUCTED" IN THEIR SPIRITUAL MISSION.

OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, THE VATICAN HAS HAD LITTLE WORD IN MONTHS.

THE STERN PRELATE REFUSED TO BUCKLE UNDER RED DEMANDS FOR CONTROL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN HUNGARY. IN FEBRUARY 1949, HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL IN BUDAPEST ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. HE RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE.

NOW 61, MINDSZENTY FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN REPORTED IN ILL HEALTH AND EVEN NEAR DEATH. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION HERE OF THE VARIOUS REPORTS.

(END ADVANCE FOR PMS OF SATURDAY DEC. 26. MOVED DEC. 24)
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A47
(250)
ADVANCE FOR AMS OF SUNDAY, DEC. 27
FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

(ADVANCE) TAIPEH, FORMOSA (AP)-PUBLIC SERVANTS FROM OFFICE BOY TO MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM PRIVATE TO GENERAL HAVE BEEN AWARDED PAY INCREASES OF FROM 60 TO 30 PER CENT, RETROACTIVE TO LAST NOV. 1, BY NATIONALIST CHINESE PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

A FULL GENERAL'S TAKE-HOME PAY WAS RAISED TO 320 FORMOSAN DOLLARS A MONTH. WITH THE FORMOSAN DOLLAR WORTH ONLY FOUR U.S. CENTS, THIS GIVES THE GENERAL--AND THE ADMIRAL--$12.30 U.S. A MONTH. THE LOWEST PRIVATE WILL GET THE EQUIVALENT OF 60 CENTS U.S.

HIGHEST PAID OFFICIALS ARE THE HEADS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE FOUR OTHER TOP NATIONALIST COUNCILS, WHO WILL GET THE EQUIVALENT OF $20 U.S. A MONTH PLUS A $50 SPECIAL ALLOWANCE.

--DASH--

OTTAWA (AP)--ESTIMATES ARE THAT FINAL FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS COMING TO LIVE IN CANADA IN 1953 WILL TOP THE 164,498 WHO ENTERED IN 1952. THIS YEAR'S ARRIVALS ARE EXPECTED TO BOOST TO MORE THAN 950,000 THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS ADMITTED TO CANADA SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

--DASH--

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP)--DIRECT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES--CUT OFF SINCE THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II--WILL BE RESTORED JAN. 1.

--DASH--

BONN, GERMANY (AP)--THE FABULOUS ART COLLECTION THE LATE HERMANN GOERING SMUGGLED OUT OF ITALY WHEN THE AXIS WAS RIDING HIGH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NEWLY-REACHED AGREEMNT BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND ITALY.

--DASH--

ROME (AP)--CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER LOUIS ST. LAURENT HAS ACCEPTED ITALIAN PREMIER GIUSEPPE PELLA'S INVITATION TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY NEXT FEBRUARY AS PART OF A PROJECTED EUROPEAN TOUR. THE ACTUAL DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.
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BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC. 26 (AP)-KOCA POPOVIC, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DENIED TONIGHT FOREIGN REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT TITO'S GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RETURN TO THE RUSSIAN-DOMINATED COMINFORM CAMP.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FOREIGN EDITORS OF BORBA AND POLITIKA, YUGOSLAVIA'S TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, AND THE OFFICIAL BELGRADE RADIO.

POPOVIC WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT REPORTS OF A PLAN TO RETURN TO THE COMINFORM WERE DESIGNED TO WORSEN RELATIONS WITH THE WEST.
(TITO'S COMMUNIST PARTY WAS OUSTED FROM THE COMINFORM IN 1948 ON CHARGES OF "NATIONALISM.")
POPOVIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA CAN GET ALONG WITH THE WEST "ON AN EQUAL BASIS" WITHOUT CONDITIONS, DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN DOMESTIC POLICIES OF THE TWO AREAS. HE SAID THIS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED SINCE THE BREAK WITH THE COMINFORM.
"EQUALITY CONTRIBUTES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACE," HE SAID.
POPOVIC REFERRED ONLY BRIEFLY TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN DECISION IN OCTOBER TO PULL THEIR OCCUPATION TROOPS OUT OF ZONE A OF THE DISPUTED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE, TURNING OVER THE STRATEGIC ADRIATIC SEAPORT TO ITALY. HE SAID THAT WITH A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE TRIESTE ISSUE, COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE WEST COULD AND WOULD CONTINUE.
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WITH BELGRADE A176
(110)
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LONDON, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE BELGRADE RADIO ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD SIGNED WITH BULGARIA A NEW AGREEMENT REGULATING FRONTIER RAILWAY TRAFFIC--ONE OF SEVERAL STEPS SHE HAS TAKEN IN RECENT MONTHS TO PATCH UP RELATIONS WITH HER COMINFORM NEIGHBORS.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT SINCE MARSHAL TITO'S BREAK WITH THE COMINFORM IN 1948.
THE BROADCAST SAID THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT NISKA BANJA AND HAILED IT AS OF "SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE."
"ON THE ONE HAND IT OPENS THE MOST FAVORABLE WAY FOR BULGARIAN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WITH AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND ON THE OTHER IT OPENS THE POSSIBILITIES OF TRANSIT THROUGH BULGARIA TOWARDS TURKEY," SAID THE BROADCAST. IT GAVE NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT.
ONLY FIVE DAYS AGO YUGOSLAVIA DECIDED TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA.
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MOSCOW, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE SIGNING OF A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC UNDER WHICH MONGOLIA WILL SHIP CATTLE, WOOL, BUTTER, RAW HIDES AND OTHER FARM PRODUCTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. RUSSIA WILL SELL FABRICS, OIL PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT TO MONGOLIA.
JF728PES

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1953
LONDON, DEC. 26 (AP)-MOSCOW RADIO TODAY REPORTED CREATION OF A NEW OBLAST--PROVINCE--IN SIBERIA. IT WILL BE CALLED MAGADAN AND EXTENDS FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE SEA OF OKHOTSK.
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JERUSALEM, DEC. 26 (AP)-MAJ.GEN.VAGN BENNIKE OF DENMARK, U.N. TRUCE SUPERVISOR IN PALESTINE, RETURNED HERE LAST NIGHT FROM NEW YORK.
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B31(CQ) (Q)
CX (ASKED)
NIGHT LEAD COMMUNISTS (300)
MADURA, INDIA, DEC. 26 (AP)-INDIAN COMMUNISTS ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY IN THEIR FIRST NATIONAL NATIONAL CONVENTION SINCE 1948 WITH STRONG HOPES OF ATTRACTING ALL "PROGRESSIVES"--EVEN INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER NEHRU--INTO A "UNITED FRONT."
PROMINENT COMMUNISTS IN INTERVIEWS MADE NO SECRFT OF THE FACT THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT IF UNITED STATES' PLANS MATERIALIZE TO FURNISH PAKISTAN WITH MILITARY AID NEHRU WOULD BE FORCED TO RELAX HIS ANTI-RED INTERNAL POLICIES.
THEY SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ADOPT A MODERATE PINKISH ATTITUDE IN ORDER TO RALLY "PROGRESSIVE THINKERS FROM ALL RANKS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNING CONGRESS PARTY" UNDER ONE FLAG. THE ONE FLAG, OF COURSE, WOULD BE THE HAMMER AND SICKLE.
THE NEW TENDENCY APPEARED TO BE TOWARD EVOLVING A "HIGHLY ELASTIC" ECONOMIC POLICY, AND TO EMPHASIZE POLITICAL WORK AMONG INDIA'S PEASANTS WHO FORM THE BULK OF THE POPULATION.
ONE ASPECT OF COMMUNIST POLICY WHICH MAY EVOLVE AT THE EIGHT-DAY CONGRESS HERE IS THE DROPPING OF ALL VISIBLE SIGNS OF VIOLENCE.
"NOT THAT WE HAVE BECOME VOTARIES OF GANDHIAN NON-VIOLENCE OVERNIGHT, BUT WE HAVE COME TO FEEL ON THE BASIS OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE AND INDIAN BACKGROUND THAT VIOLENCE IS NOT INDISPENSABLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF OUR PROGRAMS EXCEPT ONLY AS AN ANSWER TO VIOLENCE," ONE COMMUNIST LEADER SAID.
THIS EXPLAINS THE DROPPING FROM THIS CONGRESS OF THE "VIOLENCE GROUP" LED BY B. T. BANADIVE, FORMER INDIAN COMMUNIST GENERAL SECRETARY, WHO IS NOT EVEN A DELEGATE THIS TIME.
COMMUNISTS ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN IN CONFLICT SINCE 1947 OVER A POLICY OF VIOLENCE OR NON-VIOLENCE. THE PRO-VIOLENCE GROUP, ADVOCATING TERRORISTIC OPPOSITION TO THE NEHRU GOVERNMENT, WON OUT TEMPORARILY AT THE 1948 PARTY CONGRESS.
BUT IN 1951 A TENTATIVE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS WAS WORKED OUT ON A BASIS WHICH TEMPORARILY RULED OUT VIOLENCE. THE PARTY UNDERTOOK TO CARRY OUT A POLICY OF POLITICAL COOPERATION, DISCARDING THE ROLE OF AN UNDERGROUND FORCE AND PARTICIPATING IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN WHICH THEY WON 27 SEATS IN THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENT. THEY HAVE AVOIDED IN MOST CASES CLASHES WITH POLICE. P. C. JOSHI IS THE LEADER OF THE NON-VIOLENCE WING.
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B16 (SEG)
1953
BY SELIG S. HARRISON (400)
MADURA, SOUTH INDIA, DEC. 26 (AP)-INDIAN COMMUNISTS OPEN THEIR FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION IN FIVE YEARS TODAY WITH HIGH HOPES OF WOOING PRIME MINISTER NEHRU INTO A VIRTUAL "UNITED FRONT."
DELEGATES ARRIVING HERE FOR EIGHT-DAY SESSIONS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S THIRD CONGRESS SPECULATED THAT UNITED STATES-PAKISTAN MILITARY AID PLANS WOULD FORCE NEHRU TO RELAX HIS ANTI-RED INTERNAL POLICIES AND EVEN ADOPT A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE.
IN A PLAIN BID TO EXPLOIT INDIA'S VIOLENT NATIONALIST REACTION AGAINST THE U-NITED STATES-PAKISTAN TALKS, THE INDIAN COMMUNIST POLITBUR DECLARED ON THE EVE OF THE CONGRESS THAT COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING SHOULD BE INDIA'S ANSWER TO INCREASED PAKISTAN ARMAMENTS.
COMMUNIST LEADERS PREDICT NEHRU WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE RED EMBRACE ON THE HOME FRONT OFFERED IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL UNITY. BUT BITTER DISPUTES APPEAR LIKELY OVER JUST HOW FAR THE COMMUNISTS SHOULD GO IN SEEKING TO CAPTURE NEHRU THROUGH SUPPORTING HIS POLICIES.
THE CONFLICT OVER COMMUNIST POLICY TOWARD NEHRU REPRESENTS THE LATEST PHASE IN A DEEP INTRA-PARTY FEUD DATING BACK TO 1947. MODERATE ELEMENTS FAVORING "NON-VIOLENCE" AND A POLICY LINE FRIENDLY TO NEHRU LOST OUT TO A POTENT MINORITY ADVOCATING ALL-OUT TERRORIST OPPOSITION AT THE PARTY'S HECTIC SECOND CONGRESS AT CALCUTTA IN FEBRUARY, 1948.
SINCE EARLY 1951, A SHAKY COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS HAS KNITTED THE PARTY TOGETHER BEHIND A PROGRAM TEMPORARILY RULING OUT VIOLENCE TO MAKE POSSIBLE RED PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENT AND STATE LEGISLATURES.
THE COMMUNISTS ENTERED THE 1951 GENERAL ELECTIONS AT THE LAST MINUTE AND SURPRISED POLITICAL OBSERVERS WITH STRONG SHOWINGS IN THE SOUTHERN AREAS OF ANDHRA AND TRAVANCORE-COCHIN AND WEST BENGAL STATE IN NORTHEASTERN INDIA. THE COMMUNISTS ALSO GAINED 27 CENTRAL PARLIAMENT

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SEATS OUT OF A TOTAL 499.
AT THEIR MEETING HERE THE EXPECTED 1,100 RED DELEGATES PLAN TO REVIEW PARTY STRENGTH AFTER TWO YEARS OF MAINLY LEGISLATIVE WORK.
ALTHOUGH COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT RELAXED ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THIS CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY PHASE, THEY HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED TERRORIST TACTICS AND CLASHES WITH THE POLICE IN MOST AREAS.
THE ANTI-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LED BY FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY B.T. RANADIVE CONTENDS THE COMMUNISTS HAVE FLOPPED BADLY IN LEGISLATIVE WORK.
WHAT IS WORSE, THIS GROUP ARGUES, COMMUNISTS FROM TOP TO BOTTOM ARE "GOING SOFT" IN TEA PARTIES AND INTELLECTUAL DEBATES NOW THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER UNDERGROUND FUGITIVES FROM THE POLICE.
NEITHER RANADIVE NOR HIS RIVAL, MODERATE FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY P. C. JOSHI, PERSONALLY TAKE OPEN LEADERSHIP OF THEIR FACTIONS. TOO CONTROVERSIAL, BOTH REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND.
BUT THE JOSHI GROUP HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PROMOTING THE VIEW THAT U.S. CONVERSATIONS WITH PAKISTAN MILITARY LEADERS PROVIDE AN IDEAL ISSUE TO LURE NEHRU INTO CLOSER TIES WITH THE COMMUNISTS.
HA357AES

A33 (210)
BY H.K.MILKS
NEW DELHI, INDIA, DEC. 26 (AP)-MRS. VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SAID TODAY THAT AS THE YEAR ENDED SHE SAW GREATER PROSPECTS FOR PEACE "THAN FOR SOME TIME PAST."
SPEAKING AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, SHE GAVE AS REASONS FOR HER HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL YEAR:
1. A GENERAL SOFTENING ATTITUDE BY BOTH SIDES OF THE POWER BLOCS.
2. A GENERAL ENDEAVOR TO STOP, PAUSE AND THINK.
3. A GENERAL REPEATED AND DECIDED ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT UNITED DECISIONS ON THE PART OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS.
"I FIND THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE MORE FAVORABLE THAN FOR SOME TIME BACK," SHE SAID, "OPPOSING PEOPLE SEEM TO GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS THINGS."
CHOOSING HER REPLIES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO SPEAK AS ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AND NOT AS AN INDIAN DELEGATION MEMBER, SHE REJECTED QUESTIONS ON U. S.- PAKISTAN ARMS DISCUSSIONS AND THE FRENCH POSITION IN NORTH AFRICA.
THE PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES, SHE SAID, WAS IN A LARGE PART RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT SHE CALLED THE "MERCURIAL TEMPERAMENT" OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THROUGH USE OF "HEADLINES WHICH DO NOT FIT THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS."
"I MYSELF HAVE BEEN A SUFFERER FROM THAT ATTITUDE," SHE ADDED.
IN A COMMENT ON JAPAN, MRS. PANDIT SAID, "THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENTS, BUT I HOPE THAT RATHER SOON JAPAN WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS."
AS TO COMMUNIST CHINA, SHE COMMENTED, "THERE IS A GROWING BELIEF IN U.N. CIRCLES THAT RED CHINA WILL HAVE TO HAVE A SEAT AT SOME FUTURE TIME."
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NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINA (440)
BY MAX CLOS
SAIGON, INDOCHINA, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH TODAY COMPLETED A BOLD DRIVE TO CUT INDOCHINA IN TWO AT ITS NARROW WAIST. REBEL BATTALIONS WHICH STRUCK WESTWARD TUESDAY FROM THE ANNAM COAST OF VIET NAM MOVED INTO THAKHEK, A LAOTIAN TOWN ON THE MEKONG RIVER BORDERING THAILAND.
THE FRENCH AMONG THAKHEK'S 10,000 POPULATION HAD BEEN ORDERED OUT BY THE FRENCH HIGH COMMAND AND TOLD TO SEEK HAVEN SOUTHWARD. THE HIGH COMMAND ORDERED THE EVACUATION TO FREE AS MANY GARRISON TROOPS AS POSSIBLE FOR FIELD DUTY TO MEET THE INVASION OF LAOS--ONE OF THE THREE FRENCH-ASSOCIATED STATES OF INDOCHINA.

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CAPTURE OF THAKHEK GIVES THE COMMUNISTS A BASE ON THE THAILAND FRONTIER AND A CHOICE OF STRIKING NORTHWARD TOWARD THE LAOTIAN CITY OF VIENTIANE, 144 MILES AWAY OR SOUTHWARD TOWARD STRATEGIC SAVANNAKHET, 58 MILES AWAY, USED BY THE FRENCH AS AN AIR BASE.
THAKHEK LIES JUST ACROSS THE MEKONG FRONT THE STRATEGIC THAI TOWN OF NAKHON PHANOM.
(A DISPATCH FROM BANGKOK SAID THAILAND HAS ORDERED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NINE OF HER NORTHERN AND NORTHEASTERN STATES ADJOINING INDOCHINA AND BURMA AS A RESULT OF THE RED OFFENSIVE, WHICH GOVERNMENT LEADERS VIEW AS A THREAT TO THAILAND'S SOVEREIGNTY. MAJ.GEN.MOMLUANG KHARB KUNCHORN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE THAI GENERAL STAFF, SAID A DEFENSE PLAN IS READIED AND HEAVY ARTILLERY HAS MOVED UP TO THE MEKONG. REPORTS IN BANGKOK SAID FRENCH FORCES WERE FALLING BACK TO NEW DEFENSES SET UP ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THAKHEK.)
PRINCE SOUVANNE PHOUMA, PREMIER OF LAOS, APPEALED TO THE FREE WORLD FOR AID, LABELLING THE INVASION ONE MORE PROOF OF WHAT HE CALLED VIETMINH IMPERIALISM.
GEN. HENRI NAVARRE, FRENCH COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN INDOCHINA, DENIED THE INVASION OF LAOS HAD CAUGHT THE FRENCH BY SURPRISE. THE HIGH COMMAND SHOWED ITS CONCERN, HOWEVER, BY NAMING BRIG. GEN. ANDRE FRANCHI AS COMMANDER OF THE MEKONG SECTOR, AND MAKING HIM RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO NAVARRE.
SOME FRENCH SOURCES CONTENDED THE INVASION DID CATCH THE HIGH COMMAND OFF GUARD. THEY SAID THE FRENCH HAD EXPECTED SOME KIND OF REBEL ACTION IN THE ARREA, BUT NOT A MAJOR OFFENSIVE.
THE INVASION FOLLOWED REPEATED OFFERS FROM VIETMINH CHIEF HO CHI MINH THROUGH PRESS AND RADIO TO TALK ABOUT A NEGOTIATED PEACE IN THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD INDOCHINA WAR. THE FRENCH IGNORED THE OFFERS ON GROUNDS THEY HAD NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.
NAVARRE IS EXPECTED TO RANGE HIS DEFENSES ALONG THE MEKONG SOUTH OF THAKHEK IN ORDER TO DEFEND SAVANNAKHET, A PROVINCIAL CAPITAL WHICH HAS THE ONLY AIR BASE IN LAOS CAPABLE OF HANDLING HEAVY TRANSPORT PLANES NECESSARY TO RECEIVE NEEDED TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.
THE VIETMINH THRUST BEGAN FROM THE RED-HELD COASTAL AREA OF NORTH ANNAM. INDOCHINA IS ONLY ABOUT 100 MILES WIDE AT THIS POINT.
FRENCH INFORMANTS SAID ELEMENTS OF TWO VIETMINH DIVISIONS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS TAKING PART IN THE DRIVE INTO LAOS, WHICH WAS INVADED BRIEFLY FROM THE NORTH LAST SPRING.
THE ATTACK APPARENTLY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE VIETMINH WINTER OFFENSIVE, ALREADY DELAYED SEVERAL TIMES BY FRENCH ASSAULTS AGAINST THE REBELS' BASES AND TROOP CONCENTRATION POINTS.
FRENCH MILITARY LEADERS BELIEVE THE COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN WILL CONCENTRATE ON THREE MAIN FRONTS: LAOS, THE THAI COUNTRY IN NORTHWEST INDOCHINA, WHERE VIETMINH TROOPS STAND READY TO ATTACK THE FRENCH-HELD FORTRESS OF DIEN BIEN PHU, AND THE STRATEGIC RED RIVER DELTA.
THE THAKHEK AREA IS HEAVILY POPULATED, WITH SOME 50,000 PERSONS LIVING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER.
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WITH SAIGON
HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 26 (AP)-A FRENCH ARMY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE TROOPS KILLED 46 COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH REBELS AND CAPTURED 20 MORE IN MOPUP OPERATIONS IN THE RED RIVER DELTA.
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(120)
INDOCHINA
WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES EXPRESSED "GREAT CONCERN" TODAY OVER THE NEW COMMUNIST INVASION IN INDOCHINA.
NO FORMAL REACTION WAS FORTHCOMING, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE SITUATION COULD BE SIZED UP IN MORE DETAIL. DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID THEY WERE KEEPING IN TOUCH.
THESE SOURCES SAID THE VIETMINH THRUST INTO CENTRAL LAOS HAD BEEN SHAPING UP FOR SOME TIME AND CAME AS NO GREAT SURPRISE.
IN ANY EVENT, THEY EXPRESSED OPTIMISM OVER THE ABILITY OF THE FRENCH AND NATIVE MILITARY FORCES TO MEET THE ACTION.
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FOR THAT AREA HAVE CONSIDERED THE SCALES SOMEWHAT FAVORING THE FRENCH AND NATIVE FORCES SINCE LAST YEAR. THE VIEW IS THAT THE VIETMINH HAD REACHED ITS PEAK ABOUT THEN AND THE FRENCH AND NATIVE FORCES HAVE BEEN CONTINUING A BUILD-UP.
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CHINA (100)
TAIPEH, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE CHINESE NATIONALIST INTERIOR MINISTRY'S TA TAO NEWS AGENCY TODAY REPORTED THAT 5,000 NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS AND 3,000 COMMUNIST TROOPS FOUGHT A THREE-HOUR BATTLE THIS MONTH ON THE BORDER OF THE MAINLAND PROVINCES OF SZECHWAN AND KWEICHOW.
THE AGENCY SAID THE FIGHT FOLLOWED A DEC. 7 RAID BY THE GUERRILLAS ON A RED TRUCK CONVOY CARRYING SALT.
TA TAO SAID 500 REDS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AND MORE THAN 300 OTHERS TAKEN PRISONER.
ALTHOUGH THE AGENCY CLAIMS UNDERGROUND SOURCES ON THE MAINLAND, THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING WHETHER THE STORY IS CORRECT. REPORTS FROM NATIONALIST SOURCES ON MAINLAND EVENTS, OFTEN ARE EXAGGERATED.
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RADFORD (110)
TAIPEH, FORMOSA, DEC. 26 (AP)-ADM. ARTHUR W. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND ASST. SECRETARY OF STATE WALTER S. ROBERTSON ARRIVED IN TAIPEH TODAY ON THEIR TOUR OF THE PACIFIC. THEY FLEW HERE FROM KOREA.
THEY WERE MET BY AN HONOR GUARD AND TOP CHINESE NATIONALIST OFFICIALS.
ROBERTSON TOLD NEWSMEN, "THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED PEACE IN KOREA IS VERY GOOD IF PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE CONTINUES TO COOPERATE WITH US." HE SAID THE SITUATION IN KOREA IS "VERY MUCH IMPROVED" SINCE HIS LAST VISIT THERE, JUST AS THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED LAST SUMMER.
RADFORD AND ROBERTSON CONFERRED WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN THE AFTERNOON AND WERE TO ATTEND A DINNER WITH CHIANG A FEW HOURS LATER.
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OKINAWA, DEC. 26 (AP)-AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY SEVERAL NATIVES OF THE AMAMI OSHIMA ISLANDS WHO ARE "POLICY MAKERS" IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS HAVE RESIGNED BECAUSE THEIR CITIZENSHIP REVERS TO JAPAN.
THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY GAVE BACK TO JAPAN THE AMAMI OSHIMA GROUP WHICH WAS TAKEN UNDER U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II. THE ISLANDS, WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 200,000 PERSONS, LIE BETWEEN JAPAN AND OKINAWA TO THE SOUTH.
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(ADVANCE FOR AMS OF SUNDAY DEC. 27)
UNDATED CENSORSHIP SURVEY
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
(ADVANCE) THE LAST SIX MONTHS HAVE BROUGHT A SLIGHT EASING OF CENSORSHIP CONDITIONS AND OF OTHER RESTRICTIONS TENDING TO CURB THE FREE FLOW OF NEWS BOTH WITHIN NATIONS AND ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS. BUT DANGER SIGNALS CONTINUED TO CROP UP ALL THROUGH THE LATTER HALF OF 1953.
THESE CONDITIONS ARE SHOWN IN A SURVEY MADE PUBLIC LAST NIGHT--THE SEMI-ANNUAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AROUND THE WORLD.
THE VARIOUS FORMS OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT CENSORSHIP SEEMED TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE POLITICAL PATTERNS OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WHERE A GOVERNMENT BECAME MORE STABLE, THE TREATMENT OF THE PRESS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN, BECAME MORE LIBERAL. WHERE THERE WAS CRISIS AND INSTABILITY, PRESSURES WERE INCREASED, EDITORS AND REPORTERS WERE ARRESTED, NEWSPAPERS WERE PADLOCKED AND OUTRIGHT CENSORSHIP WAS SOMETIMES IMPOSED.
THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES RIGID, DIRECT CENSORSHIP OF ALL NEWS, BUT MOST COUNTRIES SHOW AN INCLINATION TO SHY AWAY FROM SUCH OUTRIGHT CONTROL WHERE GOVERNMENTS FELT CONTROL WAS NECESSARY, THEY DEVISED OTHER WAYS OF KEEPING THE PRESS UNDER THEIR THUMB.
IN EGYPT, CUBA AND COLOMBIA -- IN EACH CASE THE COUNTRIES HAD GONE THROUGH RECENT UPHEAVAL AND CRISIS -- OUTRIGHT CENSORSHIP ORIGINALLY IMPOSED WAS LIFTED. THERE WERE NO NEW CASES DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD WHERE ACTUAL CENSORSHIP WAS INSTITUTED.
HERE ARE THE DETAILS ON SITUATIONS AFFECTING THE UNHAMPERED FLOW OF NEWS, AS REPORTED BY AP CORRESPONDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:
...SOVIET UNION AND THE COMINFORM COUNTRIES...
THE OFFICIAL CENSOR IN MOSCOW CONTINUES TO HOLD A TIGHT REIN ON ALL INFORMATION LEAVING THE COUNTRY BY CABLE, TELEPHONE OR MAIL. SINCE THE DEATH OF STALIN LAST APRIL, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NOTICEABLE RELAXATIONS BY THE CENSOR ON CERTAIN SURPRISING SUBJECTS -- PARTICULARLY IN COMMENTING ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. BUT THE CENSORSHIP STILL IS RIGID AND SOMETIMES CAPRICIOUS.
WHAT THE CENSOR PENCILS OUT GIVES A REVEALING PICTURE OF WHAT ITEMS STRIKE A SENSITIVE NERVE IN THE KREMLIN. I IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PASS THROUGH THE CENSOR THE IDEA THAT THE SOVIET PRESS -- ALMOST THE EXCLUSIVE SOURCE OF NEWS FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS -- OFTEN CARRIES ONE IDEA ON A SUBJECT FOR HOME CONSUMPTION AND ANOTHER FOR PROPAGANDA ABROAD.
ALSO DELETED BY THE CENSOR'S PENCIL ARE REFERENCES TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE TOP SOVIET LEADERS OR THEIR COMPARATIVE RANK IN RELATION TO EACH OTHER. THE CENSOR IS SENSITIVE TO CALLING MOSCOW'S SWEEPING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS "ANTI-AMERICAN."
CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW CAN NOT SEND OUT MILITARY, INDUSTRIAL OR ECONOMIC DETAILS EXCEPT THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE SOVIET PRESS.
THERE HAS BEEN A CERTAIN EASING UP ON SOME INFORMATION. THIS IS ATTRIBUTED MORE TO THE FACT THAT CENSORS ARE NOW MORE EXPERIENCED AND HAVE A LITTLE MORE PERSONAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS, THAN ANY PARTICULAR SIGN OF GENERAL CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARD THE PRESS. THE SOVIET PRESS, OF COURSE, IS UNDER THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE AUTHORITIES.

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IN THE COMINFORM COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, THE DOMESTIC PRESS IS SIMILARLY UNDER RIGID GOVERNMENT CONTROL. EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONS WHEN GROUPS OF WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS WERE ALLOWED INTO THESE COUNTRIES ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS DURING THE YEAR, NO REGULAR NEWSMAN FROM THE WEST FURNISHED NEWS DAILY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, ALBANIA OR THE BALTIC STATES. SUCH NEWS USUALLY CAME FROM THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO IN THE CAPITALS OF THESE COUNTRIES, BROADCASTING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

...BRITAIN AND THE COMMONWEALTH

BRITAIN AND THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONS CONTINUE THEIR TRADITIONAL POLICY OF A FREE PRESS, UNHAMPERED BY ANY KIND OF CENSORSHIP. BUT THERE ARE THREE AREAS WHERE LOCAL LAWS TEND TO RESTRICT THE PRESS. THESE ARE:

SOUTH AFRICA--UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNIST ACT, THE GOVERNMENT CAN WITHDRAW THE PUBLISHING LICENSE OF ANY NEWSPAPER DEEMED GUILTY OF SEDITION OR OF ACTS CALCULATED TO STIR UP RACIAL HATRED. IN PRACTICE, THE PAPER CAN CHANGE ITS NAME AND RESUME PUBLICATION. THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER THE GUARDIAN WAS CLOSED DOWN UNDER THIS LAW. IT APPEARED THE NEXT DAY AS THE CLARION AND STILL IS PUBLISHING -- ALTHOUGH CAREFUL TO STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW.

AUSTRALIA--THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT PASSED AN ACT DEC. 2 REQUIRING NEWSPAPERS TO DISCLOSE TO THE POLICE ANY INFORMATION THEY COLLECT ON CASES OF BRIBERY OR CORRUPTION BY LOCAL OFFICIALS.

BUT IN THE FIRST TEST CASE, A STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE RULED HE HAD NO JURISDICTION TO ORDER A NEWSPAPER TO MAKE SUCH DISCLOSURE. THE STATE LABOR GOVERNMENT AT SYDNEY IS IN FOR A STIFF BATTLE AGAINST OPPOSITION ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THE LAW REPEALED.

NORTHERN IRELAND--A YEAR-OLD ACT OF PARLIAMENT PROHIBITS PUBLICATION OF THE EVIDENCE A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY PRESENTS AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING IN POLICE COURT. THE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO THE EVIDENCE ONCE IT IS GIVEN IN SUBSEQUENT TRIAL BEFORE A HIGHER COURT.

...WESTERN EUROPE...

THERE IS NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP IN ANY OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN SOME ARE OF A RESTRICTIVE NATURE.

FRANCE--THE PRINCIPAL NEWS AGENCY -- AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE -- RECEIVES A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY. COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER PREMISES SOMETIMES ARE RAIDED BY POLICE SEARCHING FOR SEDITIOUS DOCUMENTS, BUT NONE IS CLOSED DOWN. FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS OCCASIONALLY ARE BANNED FOR PUBLICATION OF DELIBERATE MISTRUTHS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT.

ITALY--THE BULK OF THE PRESS -- EXCEPT FOR COMMUNIST AND FASCIST NEWSPAPERS -- SHOW DEFINITE SIGNS OF REACTING TO GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON QUESTIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACK DOWN JUST HOW PRESSURE IS EXERCISED, BUT IT COULD BE APPLIED THROUGH ADVERTISING BUDGETS, SINCE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED FIRMS CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, ON ITALY'S BEHALF, IT CAN BE SAID THE ITALIAN PRESS PROBABLY HAS MORE FREEDOM AND LESS RESTRICTION ON NEWS THAN IT HAS HAD AT ANY TIME SINCE THE START OF WORLD WAR I AND PERHAPS BEFORE.

AUSTRIA--THE FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS -- THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION -- THIS YEAR ABOLISHED CENSORSHIP OF MAIL AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE END OF THE WAR. THE OCCUPYING POWERS STILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OF ANY NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE CARRYING PRO-NAZI MATERIAL.

SWITZERLAND--PUBLISHED MATERIAL REGARDED AS OBSCENE OR DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE ARE SUBJECT TO SEIZURE BY FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BUT THE PUBLISHERS CONCERNED MAY APPEAL TO THE COURTS AGAINST SUCH ACTION. FOREIGNERS ARE RARELY GIVEN THE REQUIRED SPECIAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY FOR PUBLISHING A NEWSPAPER IN SWITZERLAND.

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WEST GERMANY--PUBLISHERS HAVE LONG HAD VIRTUALLY FREE REIN OVER DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS. OCCUPATION AUTHORITY OVER THE GERMAN PRESS, RARELY EXERCISED, WILL BE ABOLISHED WHEN THE PEACE CONTRACT IS RATIFIED. THE GOVERNMENT IS BARRED BY THE CONSTITUTION FROM INTERFERING WITH A FREE PRESS. IN WEST BERLIN, WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY THE SOVIET ZONE, THERE IS A TENDENCY TOWARD VOLUNTARY SUPPRESSION OF SUBJECTS CRITICAL OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER NOT TO SUPPLY THE COMMUNISTS WITH PROPAGANDA AMMUNITION. ALLIED OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES IN WEST BERLIN ARE EXTREMELY SECURITY-MINDED AND IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON A GREAT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION. MILITARY INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED AS SECRET

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BY THE ALLIED COMMANDERS.

EAST GERMANY--THE PRESS AND RADIO ARE RIGIDLY CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST REGIME. NOTHING GETS INTO PRINT OR ON THE AIR WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SCREENED BY TRUSTED RED EDITORS AND OCCASIONALLY RUSSIAN CENSORS.

YUGOSLAVIA--FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE FREE TO WRITE AND SEND WHAT THEY PLEASE WITHOUT DIRECT CENSORSHIP. BUT THEY RUN THE RISK OF INCURRING THE WRATH OF PRESIDENT TITO'S COMMUNIST REGIME IF THEY WRITE CRITICAL STORIES WITHOUT NAILING DOWN THE FACTS FIRMLY. REPORTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA PRINTED ABROAD ARE SCRUTINIZED CLOSELY BY GOVERNMENT PRESS AIDES. ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLUNDERS BRING QUICK, ANGRY REPLIES IN THE DOMESTIC PRESS, WHICH FREQUENTLY ASSAILS THE PERSONAL "OBJECTIVITY" OF THE WRITER. THE DOMESTIC PRESS AND RADIO REMAIN UNDER GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND, OF COURSE, CLOSE SUPERVISION. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT SIGNS THAT EDITORS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A BIT MORE LEEWAY IN CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OPERATIONS. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN PRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IT STILL TAKES CONSIDERABLE TIME AND PATIENCE TO OBTAIN AN ANSWER TO QUERIES ON NEWS DEVELOPMENTS OR TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH A TOP-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. BUT BOTH NOW ARE POSSIBLE.

GREECE-- NO CENSORSHIP. THE PARLIAMENTARY RECESS COMMISSION PASSED A RIGID NEW LIBEL LAW AUG. 1 INCREASING THE SEVERITY OF FINES AND PRISON SENTENCES FOR THOSE FOUND GUILTY OF SENDING OUT FALSE REPORTS ABOUT THE GREEK CURRENCY OR ARMED FORCES, OR ARTICLES DERIDING OR INSULTING LEADERS OF RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES OR AUTHORITIES. AN EXAMINING MAGISTRATE HAS THE POWER TO BAN PUBLICATION OF REPORTS CONCERNING CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION OR OF INFORMATION WHICH HE MAY DEEM DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SECURITY.

SPAIN--THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN STRONG CONTROL OVER THE DOMESTIC PRESS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS. THERE IS NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING NEWS BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

PORTUGAL-- NO CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING DISPATCHES BUT FOREIGN NEWSMEN ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THEY WRITE. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THE WRITINGS OF THE PORTUGUESE PRESS.

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EGYPT--CENSORSHIP ON INCOMING AND OUTGOING NEWS ABOLISHED IN JULY. BUT THE LOCAL PRESS STILL IS CENSORED AND THERE IS CENSORSHIP OF MAILS. THERE ARE NONE OF THE TABOOS THAT EXISTED DURING THE REIGN OF NOW-EXILED KING FAROUK.

SYRIA--STRONG-MAN PRESIDENT BRIG. ADIB SHISHEKLY ABOLISHED THE RIGID CENSORSHIP WHICH PREVAILED IN THE PAST. BUT IN SOME INSTANCES AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT UNFAVORABLE NEWS SENT FROM SYRIA.

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HE COUNTRY FOLLOWING RIOTS EARLY THIS YEAR, STILL IS IN EFFECT ALTHOUGH THE MARTIAL LAW SINCE HAS BEEN LIFTED.

JORDAN--ALTHOUGH CENSORSHIP DOES NOT EXIST TECHNICALLY, THE COPY OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IS SCRUTINIZED. PREMIER FAWZI EL MULKI'S GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS SHOWN A MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD OUTGOING NEWS AND IT HAS FLOWED FROM JORDAN MORE FREELY.

LEBANON--NO CENSORSHIP. PRESSURE EXERTED ON CRITICAL CORRESPONDENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR HAS CEASED AND NEWS IS FLOWING IN AND OUT OF THE

COUNTRY FREELY.

SAUDI ARABIA--FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE RARELY ADMITTED INTO THE COUNTRY. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS RECEIVED THE NEWS OF KING IBN SAUD'S DEATH FROM NEARBY BAHREIN, WHICH HAS NO CENSORSHIP.

IRAN--THE NEW ROYALIST GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER FAZOLLAH ZAHEDI ORDERED DAVID WALKER, BRITISH CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON NEWS CHRONICLE OUT OF THE COUNTRY IN OCTOBER WITHOUT GIVING ANY REASON. WALKER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING MEN IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT HIS STORIES. THEIR QUESTIONING "SHOWED EXCEPTIONAL SENSITIVITY" TO REPORTS SUGGESTING THERE WAS ANY CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY TO FORMER PREMIER MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH, OUSTED BY ZAHEDI FORCES. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO OUTRIGHT CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING NEWS.

TURKEY--OUTGOING NEWS IS NOT CENSORED. ANYONE ISSUING NEWS CONSIDERED HARMFUL TO THE DIGNITY OF THE NATION, PRESIDENT OR PARLIAMENT IS SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT UNDER LAW. THE ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY, WHICH DISTRIBUTES NEWS INTERNATIONALLY, IS GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED.

ISRAEL--MATTERS OF MILITARY SECURITY ARE CENSORED BUT OTHER SUBJECTS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

LIBYA, SUDAN, ERITREA, KUWAIT, ADEN--NO CENSORSHIP.

...AFRICA...

KENYA--UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, IMPOSED BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD ANTI-WHITE MAU MAU KILLINGS, THE BRITISH GOVERNOR OF THIS COLONY HAS THE POWER TO SUPPRESS ANY PUBLICATION. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS PRINTED IN THE VERNACULAR OF LOCAL TRIBES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. ALL PRINTING PRESSES MUST BE LICENSED AND THE LICENSE IS PROMPTLY WITHDRAWN IF MATERIAL PUBLISHED IS CONSIDERED SUBVERSIDE. THE GOVERNOR MAY PROHIBIT THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS ON MORAL OR POLITICAL GROUNDS. THERE IS NO CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING NEWS.

FRENCH MOROCCO--CENSORSHIP OF THE LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN TIGHTENED BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED NATIONALIST AGITATION FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE. SOME NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN BANNED. WHILE THERE IS NO OFFICIAL CENSORSHIP OF NEWS GOING OUTSIDE MOROCCO, IN TIMES OF TROUBLE STORIES ARE DELAYED SO LONG THEY BECOME ALMOST USELESS.

TUNISIA--TIGHTER CONTROL ALSO EXISTS IN THIS FRENCH PROTECTORATE BECAUSE OF THE NATIONALIST INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, WHICH OFTEN HAS LED TO BLOODSHED. BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE ARAB PRESS ARE CENSORED. OUTGOING NEWS IS CENSORED RARELY.

BELGIAN CONGO--THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS THE POWER TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ALL PERIODICALS AND TO WITHDRAW THAT PERMISSION AT ANY TIME.

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...SOUTHEAST ASIA...

INDIA--NO CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING OR INCOMING NEWS AND NO ATTEMPT TO CONTROL NEWS AT THE SOURCE. THERE HAS BEEN NO GENERAL APPLICATION OF THE 1951 PRESS LAW GIVING THE GOVERNMENT POWER TO CONTROL NEWS CONSTITUTING AN INCITEMENT TO CRIME.

PAKISTAN--NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT PRESSURE IS SOMETIMES APPLIED TO PAKISTAN NATIONALS WRITING FOR FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS OR AGENCIES. PAKISTAN'S GOOD RECORD ON LACK OF CENSORSHIP WAS SOMEWHAT MARRED BY A RECENT OFFICIAL ORDER BARRING REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO NEWSPAPERS CRITICAL TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM OBTAINING NEWS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR ATTENDING OFFICIAL NEWS CONFERENCES.

CEYLON-- NO CENSORSHIP OR ATTEMPTED CONTROL OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS ARE SOMETIMES ASKED TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT LINE IN HANDLING DISPATCHES.

AFGHANISTAN--THE ONLY NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ARE GOVERNMENT-OPERATED AND THEIR CONTENT SUBJECT TO OFFICIAL APPROVAL. NO OTHER PUBLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED OR CIRCULATED WITHOUT GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE ADMITTED MORE FREELY THAN IN THE PAST, BUT THE GOVERNMENT OPPOSES RE-ENTRY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT "DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH ALL THE REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY."

NEPAL-- NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP BUT DURING PERIODS OF CRISIS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISAS PROMPTLY. NEWS SOURCES ARE OPEN ONCE A CORRESPONDENT GETS INTO THE COUNTRY.

INDOCHINA--CENSORSHIP OF ALL OUTGOING DISPATCHES FROM ALL WAR FRONTS IS SOMETIMES INVOKED ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING RELATIONS AND POLICIES BETWEEN FRANCE AND VIET NAM. ALL LOCAL PAPERS ARE CENSORED.

SINGAPORE AND MALAYA--NO CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING NEWS FROM EITHER SINGAPORE OR MALAYA. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPOSED BECAUSE OF THE 7-YEAR-OLD COMMUNIST-LED INSURRECTION IS STILL IN FORCE, EMPOWERING THE BRITISH-ADMINISTERED GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO TERRITORIES TO CLOSE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHING MATERIAL CONSIDERED LIKELY TO DISTURB THE PEACE.

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NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHING MATERIAL CONSIDERED LIKELY TO DISTURB THE PEACE.

BURMA--NO CENSORSHIP OF EITHER INCOMING OR OUTGOING NEWS. IN THE PAST YEAR, BURMESE OFFICIALS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY ACCESSIBLE TO FOREIGN NEWSMEN AND HAVE COOPERATED IN THE SUPPLYING OF REQUESTED INFORMATION.

THAILAND-- NO CENSORSHIP.

...FAR EAST...

JAPAN--NO CENSORSHIP BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT STORIES DEALING WITH MILITARY TOPICS TO THE FAR EAST COMMAND CENSOR TEAM ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

KOREA--THE ROK GOVERNMENT EXERCISES NO CENSORSHIP, BUT THERE ARE REPORTS IT IS CONSIDERING SUCH A MOVE. SO LONG AS THE U.S. EIGHTH ARMY IS IN KOREA, THIS IS NOT LIKELY, ALL OUTGOING NEWS COPY, MAILED, PHONED OR TELETYPED FROM KOREA IS SUPPOSED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FAR EAST COMMAND CENSOR TEAM IN TOKYO.

PHILIPPINES--NO CENSORSHIP.

CHINA--THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF MAINLAND CHINA HAS COMPLETELY CLOSED THE DOOR TO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS EXCEPT THOSE WORKING FOR THE COMMUNIST PRESS. SOME INDIAN JOURNALISTS VISITED THE COUNTRY FROM TIME TO TIME ON BRIEF CONDUCTED TOURS, AND THEY WERE MOSTLY FRIENDLY TOWARD THE REGIME. A JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT WHO REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS A TRADE DELEGATE GOT IN FROM THE PORTUGUESE COLONY OF MACAO AND REACHED PEIPING. BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO GET ANYTHING OUT OF THE COUNTRY EXCEPT QUOTES FROM RED PAPERS, WHICH HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN IN HONG KONG OR MACAO.

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FORMOSA--NO FORMAL CENSORSHIP, BUT CORRESPONDENTS WHO TAKE AN INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE ARE QUICKLY TABBED AS UNFRIENDLY AND OBSTACLES ARE PUT IN THEIR WAY. A CRITICAL NEWSMAN SOON FINDS NEWS SOURCES ON FORMOSA HAVE DRIED UP.

HONG KONG--NO CENSORSHIP. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS STRENGTHENED CONTROL OF NEWS SOURCES UNDER WHAT IT TERMS SECURITY MEASURES. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET NEWS OF ANY ACTION BY THE BRITISH CROWN COLONY'S ADMINISTRATION AGAINST A COMMUNIST UNTIL THE CASE IS COMPLETELY CLEANED UP. THE ROYAL NAVY HAS CLAMPED DOWN ON INFORMATION DURING INCIDENTS IN THE CHINA SEA.

...SOUTH AMERICA...

ARGENTINA--FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS NOTED A SHARP IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JUAN D. PERON FOLLOWING THE GOOD WILL VISIT OF DR.MILTON EISENHOWER, THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S BROTHER. BUT PRESSURES TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF INFORMATION CONTINUE--PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE ARGENTINE PRESS. THERE IS NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP OF DISPATCHES SENT ABROAD, BUT THE OFFICE OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MADE INVESTIGATIONS OF DISPATCHES FILED BY CORRESPONDENTS AND STORIES ABOUT ARGENTINA ENTERING FROM ABROAD. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THESE INVESTIGATIONS. SOME COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES HOWEVER, ARE FEARFUL OF HANDLING DISPATCHES ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

DR.MANUEL V. ORDONEZ, ATTORNEY FOR THE EXPROPRIATED BUENOS AIRES NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA, WAS JAILED SEPT.9 ON HIS RETURN FROM A TOUR OF EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. ORDONEZ HAD BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE RETURN OF THE ONCE GREAT INDEPENDENT LA PRENSA TO ITS FORMER OWNER, DR.ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ, WHO HAS BEEN IN EXILE SINCE THE PAPER'S SEIZURE TWO YEARS AGO. ORDONEZ FINALLY WAS RELEASED NOV.12 WITH NO FORMAL CHARGE FILED AGAINST HIM. OTHER NEWSPAPERS IN THE PROVINCES HAVE SHARED FATES SIMILAR TO THAT OF LA PRENSA AND NOW ARE BEING PUBLISHED BY ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONS FRIENDLY TO THE GOVERNMENT. A NUMBER OF EDITORS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. DAVID MICHEL TORINO, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE SALTA PROVINCE NEWSPAPER EL INTRANSIGENTE, STILL WAS IN PRISON AFTER THREE YEARS. EL INTRANSIGENTE HAS BEEN EXPROPRIATED. THE GOVERNMENT IGNORED A REQUEST LAST NOVEMBER TO HAVE TORINO TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH.

ECUADOR--THERE IS NO FORMAL CENSORSHIP. BUT STRONG-MAN PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA VELASCO IBARRA'S GOVERNMENT PADLOCKED THE QUITO NEWSPAPER EL COMERCIO, ONE OF THE FOREMOST INDEPENDENT PAPERS IN ECUADOR, WHICH OFTEN CRITICIZED THE ADMINISTRATION BUT SOMETIMES SUPPORTED IT. THE REASON: EDITOR JORGE MANTILLA STUBBORNLY REJECTED A GOVERNMENT ORDER TO PUBLISH A STATEMENT DENYING A REPORT OF CRISIS IN THE CABINET AND BITTERLY CASTIGATING THE ECUADORIAN PRESS. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ORIGINALLY TRIED TO GET THE STATEMENT PLACED IN ALL ECUADORIAN PAPERS AS A PAID AD, MANTILLA EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZED A ONE-DAY PROTEST STOPPAGE OF ALL DAILIES. MANTILLA WAS JAILED FOR 22 HOURS. WHEN HE REFUSED AFTER HIS RELEASE TO PUBLISH THE STATEMENT, HIS PAPER WAS CLOSED. BUT THE GOVERNMENT PERMITTED THE REOPENING IN AUGUST OR TWO GUAYAQUIL PAPERS, LA HORA AND LA NACION, WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED IN APRIL ON CHARGES OF INCITING REBELLION. FOUR EXECUTIVES OF THE TWO PAPERS WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL.

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BOLIVIA--IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN BOLIVIA HAVE BEEN GRANTED SPECIAL IDENTITY CARDS TO PERMIT FREE ACCESS TO SOURCES OF INFORMATION. THERE IS NEITHER DIRECT NOR INDIRECT CENSORSHIP IN THE CABLE OFFICES AND NO CENSORSHIP ON THE NATIONAL PRESS. EDITORS ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT PUBLISHING NEWS AND EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, EITHER FOR FEAR OF REPRISALS, OR BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS NEWSPRINT BUT EXPLAINS THIS IS DUE TO THE NECESSITY OF CONTROLLING FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND THAT AS SOON AS THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE ENDS IT WILL PERMIT UNRESTRICTED IMPORTATION OF NEWSPRINT. OTHER "INDISPENSABLE" MATERIALS ARE SUBJECT TO SIMILAR CONTROL. THE LEADING NEWSPAPER IN LA PAZ, LA RAZON REMAINS CLOSED. IT WAS PADLOCKED AFTER THE APRIL 1952 REVOLUTION BROUGHT PRESIDENT VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO TO POWER. ITS BUILDING HAS BEEN CONFISCATED UNDER THE TIN NATIONALIZATION DECREE INASMUCH AS THE STRUCTURE WAS A PART OF THE ARAMAYO MINING COMPANY PROPERTIES. IN COCHABAMBA, SECOND LARGEST CITY, THE NEWSPAPER LOS TIEMPOS WAS DESTROYED BY A MOB AFTER THE ABORTIVE FALANGIST REVOLUTION NOV.9, 1953. EDITOR DEMETRIO CANELAS WAS ARRESTED IN LA PAZ ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE UPRISING BUT WAS RELEASED DEC. 21 ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER RISONERS UNDER A NEWLY DECREED AMNESTY. VARIOUS NEWSPAPERMEN ARE UNDER ARREST ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATING IN SUBVSUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THUS FAR NONE HAS BEEN TRIED, ALTHOUGH THE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION HAS REQUESTED TRIALS. THE ASSOCIATION HAS TAKEN STEPS WHICH LED TO THE RELEASE OF SOME NEWSMEN.

COLOMBIA--ON DEC. 4, THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LT. GEN. GUSTAVO ROJAS PINILLA LIFTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS THE PRESS CENSORSHIP IMPOSED WHEN IT CAME TO POWER LAST JUNE. THE MEASURE HAD BEEN ADOPTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS OCT. 10 DURING THE MEETING IN BOGOTA OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CONGRESS. AT THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT

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CENSORSHIP WOULD CEASE UNTIL A PRESS REGULATION WAS ISSUED. THERE IS NO INDICATION SUCH A REGULATION IS FORTHCOMING AND OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE PRESS HAS OPERATED UNDER ITS NEW FREEDOM.

BRAZIL--NO CENSORSHIP. POLICE SOMETIMES SEIZE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PAPERS ON THE GROUNDS THEY INCITE VIOLENCE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT CASES.

CHILE--NO CENSORSHIP, THERE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN SEVERAL ARRESTS OF EDITORS AND NEWSPAPERMEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING LAWS FORBIDDING THE PUBLICATION OF ITEMS CONSIDERED INSULTING TO THE GOVERNMENT. CHILE HAS A TAX ON OUTGOING CABLES.

PERU--THE LAW GRANTS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ONLY TO PUBLICATIONS NOT BELONGING TO OUTLAWED POLITICAL PARTIES OR THEIR MEMBERS.

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PARAGUAY--NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP BUT THE GOVERNMENT SHOWS ANTAGONISM TOWARD UNFAVORABLE PRESS REPORTS.

URUGUAY--NO CENSORSHIP OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS.

VENEZUELA--THERE IS CENSORSHIP OF POLITICAL NEWS AND SOME ISSUES OF NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED ABROAD HAVE BEEN BANNED BECAUSE THEY CONTAINED REPORTS UNFAVORABLE TO VENEZUELA.

BRITISH GUIANA--UNDER THE RECENT PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON BRITISH CHARGES THAT THE NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAS PLOTTING TO TURN THE COLONY OVER TO THE COMMUNISTS, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE CENSORSHIP AND SUSPEND PUBLICATIONS. THE RIGHT HAS NOT YET BEEN USED.

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MEXICO, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, HAITI--NO CENSORSHIP.

GUATEMALA--NO CENSORSHIP. ANTI-COMMUNISTS PAPERS SPEAK FREELY IN COMPLAINING THAT THE COUNTRY IS COMMUNIST-DOMINATED. THE ANTI-RED LEADERS SAY THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS THEM FREEDOM AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO REFUTE THE CHARGES OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION.

EL SALVADOR--NO DIRECT CENSORSHIP OF NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SOMETIMES ASK NEWSPAPERS TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS. THE PAPERS USUALLY COMPLY. THERE IS A LAW FORBIDDING THE PUBLICATION OF ITEMS WHICH WOULD OFFEND OR SLANDER THE PRESIDENT OR THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HONDURAS--THERE HAS BEEN NO OUTRIGHT CENSORSHIP UNDER THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT JUAN MANUEL GALVEZ, BUT AT LEAST TWO WEEKLY PAPERS HAVE BEEN CLOSED BY POLICE AND THE EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER OF ONE FLED INTO EXILE.

NICARAGUA--THERE IS CONTROL OF BOOKS, BUT THE PRESS SEEMS RELATIVELY FREE. OPPOSITION NEWSPAPERS CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF STRONG-MAN PRESIDENT GEN. ANASTASIO SOMOZA, BUT THEY DO IT GUARDEDLY.

CUBA--THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT FULGENCIO BATISTA IMPOSED STRICT CENSORSHIP DURING A 90-DAY PERIOD OF SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPTED UPRISING AT TWO ARMY GARRISONS NEAR SANTIAGO LAST JULY 26. THE CENSORSHIP WAS LIFTED AFTER THE 90 DAYS. OUTGOING NEWS BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IS UNTOUCHED.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC--THE INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION REPORTS THAT THE "POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE REMAINS NOT PROPITIOUS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS."

END ADVANCE FOR AMS OF SUNDAY DEC. 27--MOVED DEC.19.

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SECOND NIGHT LEAD BIG FOUR

BY GARDNER L.BRIDGE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-RUSSIA TODAY DELAYED A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS--AND THE UNITED STATES QUICKLY ISSUED AN IMPLIED WARNING THAT MOSCOW WAS TRYING TO SWAY FRANCE AWAY FROM EUROPEAN UNITY.

THE SOVIETS, IN A NOTE, ADVISED THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE THAT JAN. 4 WAS TOO SOON FOR THE MEETING WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA. IT SAID JAN. 25, OR ANY LATER DATE, WOULD BE SUITABLE.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A CHANCE THE MEETING MIGHT BE FURTHER DELAYED IN A QUARREL OVER WHERE IT SHOULD BE HELD. THE WESTERN BIG THREE HAD SUGGESTED IT BE HELD IN THE FORMER ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY BUILDING IN THE U.S. SECTOR OF BERLIN. THE SOVIET NOTE SUGGESTED THE SITE BE DETERMINED AT A PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS IN BERLIN.

THE JAN. 4 DATE HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY THE WESTERN ALLIES ON DEC. 3.

IN REQUESTING A DELAY AT LEAST UNTIL JAN. 25, THE SOVIET NOTE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSURE "PROPER CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE FOR ALL THE GOVERNMENTS."

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT FRANCE IS GOING THROUGH ONE OF ITS FREQUENT POLITICAL TRANSITIONS AND THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ORGANIZED UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER JAN. 17.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT GOT OUT A STATEMENT NOTING THE SOVIETS' "SOLICITUDE" ABOUT PROPER CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL FOUR GOVERNMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SOVIET UNION "ASSUMES THAT IT IS BETTER QUALIFIED THAN THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TO DECIDE WHAT BEST SUITS THEIR OWN INTERESTS."

BEHIND THIS DIPLOMATIC DIG IS THE LONG, CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO SET UP THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, A UNITED EUROPEAN ARMY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE GERMAN SOLDIERS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR RATIFICATION OF EDC, BUT THE FRENCH HAVE DELAYED, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF A FEAR OF A REARMED GERMANY. RUSSIA, BITTERLY OPPOSED TO EDC, HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONVINCE FRENCHMEN IT IS NOT IN THEIR INTERESTS.

DIPLOMATS REGARDED TODAY'S STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AS A BROAD HINT TO FRENCHMEN THAT THEY KNOW BETTER THAN RUSSIA WHAT IS IN FRANCE'S INTEREST. IT WAS ANOTHER MOVE IN THE UNITED STATES EFFORT TO ASSURE UNITY AMONG THE WESTERN BIG THREE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, WHEN AND IF IT IS HELD.

IN LONDON, A BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT BRITAIN WILL RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE JAN. 25 DATE. HE SAID "OBVIOUSLY THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT NOW OF A CONFERENCE BEING CONVENED ON THE DATE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE WESTERN POWERS--JAN. 4." HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THE WESTERN POWERS AFTER EXCHANGING VIEWS WILL ACCEPT THE NEW DATE.

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OFFICIAL FRENCH SOURCES IN PARIS SAID THE SOVIET NOTE WILL HAVE TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY.

SOME DIPLOMATS BELIEVED THE RUSSIANS WERE SPARRING FOR TIME, PERHAPS TO DEVISE NEW WAYS TO BLOCK EDC.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN ISSUING ITS STATEMENT, ACCOMPANIED IT WITH THE TEXT OF THE SOVIET NOTE. IN THE STATEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT APPEARED RESIGNED TO THE DELAY. ALTHOUGH ISSUING A MILD REPROOF.

"THE SOVIET NOTE WOULD APPEAR TO DELAY FOR THREE WEEKS BUT NOT TO PREVENT THIS MEETING, WHICH THE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAVE LONG SOUGHT AND TO WHICH THEY ATTACH HIGH IMPORTANCE," THE STATEMENT SAID.

CITING THE RUSSIANS' ASSERTION THAT MORE TIME IS NEEDED "FOR APPROPRIATE PREPARATION," THE STATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTED:

PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY."

"THIS SEEMS SOMEWHAT CURIOUS IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE THREE-POWER INVITATION TO THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING SINCE LAST JULY." IT ADDED:

"IN SUGGESTING A POSTPONEMENT, THE SOVIET UNION REFERS TO THE NECESSITY OF ASSURING CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE FOR ALL FOUR GOVERNMENTS. THE SOVIET UNION PRESUMABLY HAS SOLICITUDE FOR OTHER PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS AND ASSUMES THAT IT IS BETTER QUALIFIED THAN THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TO DECIDE WHAT BEST SUITS THEIR OWN INTERESTS."

THE RUSSIAN NOTE SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE BERLIN CONFERENCE AS IMPORTANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF LESSENING INTERNATIONAL TENSION, ASSURING EUROPEAN SECURITY, AND ELIMINATING THE "THREAT OF REBIRTH OF GERMAN MILITARISM."

THE NOTE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A FIVE POWER CONFERENCE, INCLUDING RED CHINA, WOULD CONTRIBUTE "IN HIGHEST MEASURE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE COME TO A HEAD."

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THE WESTERN POWERS, WHILE LAYING PRIMARY STRESS ON THE GERMAN-AUSTRIAN PROBLEMS, HAVE LEFT THE WAY OPEN FOR A DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES AT THE BERLIN MEETING.

ASIDE FROM THE TIME FACTOR, THE RUSSIANS ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH THE OTHER THREE POWERS ON THE BUILDING IN WHICH THE BERLIN CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD. THE WEST HAD PROPOSED THE FORMER ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY BUILDING IN THE U.S. SECTOR OF THE DIVIDED CITY, BUT THE SOVIET NOTE SAID "IT WOULD APPEAR EXPEDIENT TO DECIDE THIS QUESTION" AT A PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY.

ALLIED OFFICIALS IN BERLIN SAID THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE RUSSIANS PROPOSE THEIR OLD RADIO BERLIN HEADQUARTERS AS THE WITE, FOR BOTH PROPAGANDA AND SECURITY REASONS.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN MANEUVERING FOR MONTHS TO DELAY OR BLOCK FRENCH RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY TREATY.

THE OFFICIAL SOVIET PRESS HAS TAKEN THE LINE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO FORCE FRANCE INTO ACCEPTING THE DEFENSE TREATY, AND THUS HELPING TO PREVENT THE FRENCH FROM RE-EMERGING AS A GREAT POWER.

A BIG FOUR MEETING TO DISCUSS UNIFICATION OF GERMANY AND A SETTLEMENT WITH AUSTRIA HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS SINCE LAST SUMMER, WHEN THE FRENCH BEGAN HAVING THEIR CURRENT SERIES OF CABINET CRISES.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL LAST MONDAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE RUSSIANS GAVE ANY REAL INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART. IN THEIR REPLY TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD ATOMIC POOL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, THE SOVIETS SPOKE OF "THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN," WITHOUT MENTIONING A SPECIFIC DATE, AND RENEWED THEIR TALK OF A FIVE POWER CONFERENCE THAT WOULD INCLUDE RED CHINA.

THE FRENCH CABINET OF PREMIER JOSEPH LANIEL WILL BE DISSOLVED ON JAN. 17, WHEN PRESIDENT-ELECT RENE COTY IS INAUGURATED, AND THAT WILL GIVE COTY LITTLE MORE THAN A WEEK TO SELECT A NEW PREMIER AND FOR THAT PREMIER TO GET APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF A NEW CABINET.

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BIG FOUR (WITH WASHINGTON)

(550)

BY TOM REEDY

BERLIN, DEC. 26 -(AP)-ALLIED OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE RUSSIANS PROPOSE THEIR OLD RADIO BERLIN HEADQUARTERS AS THE SITE FOR THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

INFORMED QUARTERS SPECULATED THE RUSSIANS MUST HAVE SOME ALTERNATIVE IN MIND IN IMPLYING AN OBJECTION TO USE OF THE FORMER FOUR-POWER CONTROL AUTHORITY BUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES SECTOR.

THE RUSSIAN NOTE HANDED OVER TO THE WEST IN MOSCOW TODAY SUGGESTING

JAN. 25 INSTEAD OF JAN. 4 FOR THE PARLEY AT THE SAME TIME RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY CHOOSE THE SITE. THE WEST HAD SUGGESTED THE ACA BUILDING, THE ONLY GENUINELY NEUTRAL GROUND IN THIS QUARTERED CITY.

DIPLOMATS SAID THE KREMLIN MAY BE VIEWING THE PROJECT AS "ITS CONFERENCE" BECAUSE IT PROPOSED BERLIN AND THEREFORE THE AMERICAN SECTOR ACA BUILDING IS UNACCEPTABLE FROM A PRESTIGE VIEWPOINT.

SECONDLY, THESE QUARTERS ADDED, THE SECURITY-CONSCIOUS RUSSIANS MAY FEEL UNSURE OF ARRANGEMENTS IN THE 500-ROOM BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN IN WESTERN HANDS, EXCEPT FOR ONE DAILY RED ARMY SENTRY, SINCE THE BREAKUP OF THE FOUR-POWER ADMINISTRATION OF GERMANY IN 1948.

RADIO BERLIN WOULD MEET ANY POSSIBLE SOVIET OBJECTIONS ON BOTH COUNTS THE WESTERN OFFICIALS OBSERVED.

1. IT IS IN THE BRITISH SECTOR, BUT HAS BEEN UNDER COMPLETE SOVIET CONTROL SINCE THE WAR.

2. SOVIET MVD AGENTS KNOW EVERY INCH OF THE BUILDING.

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AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH QUARTERS SAID THEY HAVE NOTHING TO BASE THEIR SPECULATION ON EXCEPT LOGIC AND ONE FACT WHICH TURNED UP RECENTLY WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

AT THE TIME MOSCOW AGREED TO A BIG FOUR PARLEY ON GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE HELD IN BERLIN, SQUADS OF MAINTENANCE MEN AND SCRUBWOMEN POURED INTO THE RADIO BERLIN BUILDING TO GIVE IT A FACE-LIFTING. IT HAS LAIN IDLE AND VIRTUALLY EMPTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ALL THE COMMUNIST BROADCASTING FACILITIES WERE MOVED LONG AGO TO THE SOVIET SECTOR AND THE SURROUNDING SOVIET ZONE. ONLY A SQUAD OF RED ARMY SENTRIES HAVE BEEN ON DUTY.

OBVIOUSLY, THE RUSSIANS DO NOT INTEND TO RESTORE THE BUILDING TO BROADCASTING DUTY. THE GRUENAU AND KOEPENICK STATIONS IN THE EAST ARE FAR BETTER EQUIPPED THAN THE ORIGINAL RADIO BERLIN EVER WAS, EVEN IN ITS DAYS UNDER THE NAZI PROPAGANDA BOSS, DR. PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS.

RADIO BERLIN IS JUST AS BIG AS THE ACA,AROUND 500 ROOMS. IT IS ABOUT TWO MILES FROM THE BRANDENBURG GATE, THE RUSSIAN SECTOR BORDER. THE RED ARMY SEIZED IT IN MAY, 1945, AS BERLIN WAS CRASHING IN FLAMES, AND INSISTED ON RETAINING IT AFTER FOUR-POWER DIVISION OF THE CITY CEDED THE AREA TO THE BRITISH. THE WEST HAD NO OBJECTIONS AT THE TIME.

USE OF THE BUILDING FOR THE BIG FOUR MEETING WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS A PROPAGANDA WEAPON FOR AT LEAST THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE. THROUGHOUT THE EAST, THE EXPRESSION "RADIO BERLIN" IS AUTOMATICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNISM.

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BUT WESTERN SPOKESMEN SAID IT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE THE RUSSIANS IN THE EVENT THEY ADVANCE THE RADIO BERLIN LOCATION.

"IT IS AFTER ALL IN WEST BERLIN AND WE HAVE TO ADMIT THAT REGARDLESS OF ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL STATUS," ONE SAID. "WE CANNOT COME RIGHT OUT AND SAY WE ASSOCIATE IT WITH ANTI-WEST PROPAGANDA, WHICH OF COURSE WE DO, WITHOUT PUTTING OURSELVES IN THE POSITION OF ENDANGERING THE MEETING BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS."

U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN READYING THE ACA BUILDING EVER SINCE THE BIG THREE AT BERMUDA SUGGESTED IT FOR THE MEETING. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPENT, BUT MOST OF THE BIG CONTRACTS, INCLUDING PAINTING, CAN BE CALLED OFF.

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BULLETIN

FIRST LEAD SOVIBT NOTE (A65)

MOSCOW, DEC. 26 (AP)-INFORMED WESTERN SOURCES REPORTED TODAY THE SOVIET UNION HAS REJECTED THE PROPOSED JAN. 4 DATE FOR A MEETING OF THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BERLIN AND PROPOSED INSTEAD JAN. 25 OR LATER.

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WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE SOVIETS STATED THERE WERE "ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES" IN THE WAY OF THE JAN. 4 DATE PROPOSED BY THE WEST ON DEC. 8.

THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL WAS GIVEN IN NOTES DELIVERED TO THE U.S. BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS INMOSCOW AT NOON. THE NOTES WERE REPORTED VERY BRIEF. THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED.

THE SOURCES ADDED THE SOVIETS ALSO APPEARED TO OBJECT TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL THAT THE BERLIN CONFERENCE BE HELD IN THE FORMER ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY BUILDING, IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF THE DIVIDED CITY.

IT WAS REPORTED THE RUSSIANS PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY CONFER IN ADVANCE ON AN ALTERNATIVE SITE.

THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, ARE STILL WILLING TO MEET IN BERLIN, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY THEIR SUGGESTION. THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO THE IDEA OF A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE BUT DID NOT SPECIFY A DATE.

THE SOVIET NOTE, COMING ONLY TODAY, GIVES THE WEST SHORT NOTICE FOR ALTERING THE JAN. 4 PLAN. IT WAS BELIEVED HERE THAT THE DELAY IN THE RUSSIAN REPLY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY UNCERTAINTY OVER THE RECENT PROLONGED FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

IN THEIR LAST NOTE, THE WESTERN POWERS SUGGESTED THAT THE QUESTIONS OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA BE DISCUSSED AT THE PARLEY BUT LET THE WAY OPEN FOR THE SOVIETS TO BRING UP ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

THE RUSSIANS WANT A BIG FIVE MEETING WITH RED CHINA TAKING PART.

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WESTERN SPOKESMEN HAVE MADE IT CLEAR PUBLICLY THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO CONSIDERATION OF THE LONG-DELAYED GERMAN AND AUSTRAIN TREATY SETTLEMENTS.

ALLIED SOURCES HAVE STRESSED THAT THE WEST HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS KNOWN POSITION OF THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION: THAT FREE NATIONWIDE ELECTIONS MUST COME BEFORE FORMATION OF AN ALL-GERMAN GOVERNMENT. RUSSIA HAS DEMANDED JUST THE OPPOSITE: AN ALL-GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THEN ELECTIONS.

THE WESTERN NOTES OF DEC. 8 WERE DRAWN UP AT THE BIG THREE CONFERENCE IN BERMUDA EARLIER THIS MONTH.

(NO PICKUP)

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WITH MOSCOW

BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 26 (AP)-WEST GERMAN POLITICAL CIRCLES SAID TODAY THE RUSSIANS PROBABLY WANT TO DELAY THE BERLIN BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING UNTILAFTER A NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

PREMIER LANIEL IS SCHEDULED TO RESIGN JAN. 17.

THE WEST PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD JAN. 4, BUT MOSCOW TODAY ASKED FOR JAN. 25 OR LATER.

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WITH MOSCOW (160)

PARIS, DEC. 26 (AP)-FRANCE MAY HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT BY JAN. 25--THE DATE RUSSIA TODAY PROPOSED FOR A BIG FOUR MEETING AT BERLIN--BUT DON'T BET ON IT.

WHEN PRESIDENT-ELECT RENE COTY, 71-YEAR-OLD GRANDFATHER OF 10 CHILDREN, IS INAUGURATED JAN. 17, PREMIER JOSEPH LANIEL'S CABINET WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISSOLVED.

THAT GIVES COTY JUST EIGHT DAYS TO PICK A NEW PREMIER AND FOR THAT PREMIER TO BUILD UP A CABINET AND GET APPROVAL FROM A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPLIT WIDE OPEN IN HALF A DOZEN WAYS.

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SECOND NIGHT LEAD BIG FOUR

JUST HOW BADLY SPLIT THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT IS WAS BROUGHT HOME IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AT VERSAILLES. IT TOOK 7 DAYS AND 13 BALLOTS TO ELECT COTY. THE MOST IT HAD EVER TAKEN BEFORE WAS 2 BALLOTS.

IN FACT, IN THE LAST CABINET CRISIS, FRANCE WENT WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT FOR 36 DAYS. WHEN PREMIER RENE MAYER'S CABINET RESIGNED MAY 21, MORE THAN HALF A DOZEN POLITICIANS FAILED TO FORM CABINETS OR GET ASSEMBLY APPROVAL BEFORE LANIEL FINALLY SUCCEEDED ON JUNE 26.

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NIGHT LEAD EISENHOWER

BY MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

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AUGUSTA, GA., DEC. 26 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISELHOWER TODAY ORDERED A PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF AMERICAN GROUND FORCE STRENGTH IN KOREA. BUT HE SOLEMNLY DECLARED ANY NEW AGGRESSION THERE WILL BE OPPOSED "WITH EVEN GREATER EFFECT THAN HERETOFORE."

AS AN INITIAL STEP IN THE REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES FORCES, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED, "TWO ARMY DIVISIONS WILL SOON BE WITHDRAWN AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES."

EISENHOWER CAUTIONED THAT U.S. COMBAT STRENGTH IN KOREA STILL WILL BE MAINTAINED AT A LEVEL CALCULATED TO DISCOURAGE NEW AGGRESSION. THE FORCES STAYING ON, HE SAID, WILL BE HIGHLY MOBILE NAVAL, AIR AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS.

THE UNITS BEING WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT AN EISENHOWER AIDE WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED SAID THEY ARE MANNED BY UPWARDS OF 32,000 COMBAT TROOPS.

AN ARMY SPOKESMAN AT WASHINGTON SAID NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON WHICH OF THE SIX ARMY DIVISIONS IN KOREA WILL BE WITHDRAWN. THEY ARE THE 2ND, 3RD, 7TH, 25TH, 40TH AND 45TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

IN JAPAN NOW ARE THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, PART OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, THE 187TH REGIMENT OF THE 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION AND THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION. IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, WHICH BATTLED THROUGH MOST OF THE KOREA FIGHTING, WOULD COME HOME AFTER THE 3RD DIVISION ARRIVED IN THE FAR EAST LAST SUMMER BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1ST MARINES' RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY.

THE ARMY'S EIGHT DIVISIONS IN THE FAR EAST NUMBER ABOUT 140,000 MEN. THE TWO MARINE DIVISIONS HAVE ABOUT 20,000 AND THE AIRBORNE REGIMENT IS ESTIMATED AT 3,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT--YULETIDE GOOD NEWS FOR THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES WITH SOLDIERS IN KOREA--CAME ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS HOLIDAY VISIT AT THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB.

EISENHOWER SPENT PART OF THE MORNING PREPARING THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND THEN WENT TO WORK ON THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF JANUARY MESSAGES TO CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION. HE WORKED IN THE SECLUSION OF THE "LITTLE WHITE HOUSE" AT THE GOLF CLUB.

IN HIS STATEMENT, EISENHOWER SAID THE REDUCTION OF AMERICAN FORCES IN KOREA MEANS:

"WE MOVE FOWARD IN PURSUANCE OF OUR BROAD POLICY TO MAKE EVIDENT TO ALL THE WORLD THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS AND THAT WE ARE RESOURCEFUL AND VIGILANT TO FIND WAYS TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF ARMAMENT AND TO PROMOTE A CLIMATE OF PEACE."

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THE NEW MOVE TOWARD THAT GOAL CAME WITHIN A MONTH AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S UNITED NATIONS SPEECH CALLING ON RUSSIA TO JOIN IN CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY POOL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

"THE FIGHTING IN KOREA WAS ENDED BY AN ARMISTICE WHICH HAS NOW BEEN IIN EFFECT FOR FIVE MONTHS," EISENHOWER SAID TODAY.

"WE DO NOT NEED AS MUCH GROUND STRENGTH THERE NOW AS WHEN THERE WAS FIGHTING. THAT IS THE MORE TRUE BECAUSE OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES WHICH WERE SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT UP DURING THE WAR."

"THIS SEEMS

A SECOND REASON SOME AMERICAN GROUND FORCES CAN COME HOME, THE PRESIDENT DECLARED, IS THAT "OUR GROWING NATIONAL AIR POWER POSSESSES GREATER MOBILITY AND GREATER STRIKING FORCE THAN EVER BEFORE." THEN HE ADDED:

"ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT THE UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES IN KOREA BE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. AS AN INITIAL STEP, TWO ARMY DIVISIONS WILL SOON BE WITHDRAWN AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES."

WORD OF EISENHOWER'S DECISION WAS GIVEN TO PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE OF KOREA EARLIER THIS WEEK BY WALTER S. ROBERTSON, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. THEY CONFERRED WITH RHEE IN KOREA.

EISENHOWER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROOP STRENGTH REDUCTION WAS COUPLED WITH A WORD OF CAUTION TO ANY WOULD-BE NEW AGGRESSOR.

"WHILE THE UUNITED STATES IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AND ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSES, WE REMAIN ALERT TO ALL POSSIBILITIES," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

"THERE, I EMPHASIZE THAT THE ACTION BEING TAKEN DOES NOT IMPAIR OUR READINESS AND CAPACITY TO ACT IN A WAY THAT SHOULD DETER AGGRESSION AND, IF AGGRESSION SHOULD NEVERTHELESS OCCUR, TO OPPOSE IT WITH EVEN GREATER EFFECT THAN HERETOFORE."

EISENHOWER RECALLED THAT UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS WHICH HAD FIGHTING FORCES IN KOREA "CLEARLY STATED THAT, TOGETHER, WE WOULD BE UNITED AND PROMPT TO RESIST ANY RENEWAL OF ARMED ATTACK."

HE NOTED THE SAME STATEMENT SAID "THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A BREACH OF THE ARMISTICE WOULD BE SO GRAVE THAT, IN ALL PROBABILITY, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONFINE HOSTILITIES WITHIN THE FRONTIERS OF KOREA."

EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT TODAY SAID U. S. MILITARY FORCES IN KOREA WILL BE MAINTAINED "AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FOREGOING AND TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN IN THAT AREA, AND WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES."

THOSE FORCES, HE ADDED, WILL FEATURE "HIGHLY MOBILE NAVAL, AIR AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS."

EISENHOWER STARTED WORK AT THE "LITTLE WHITE HOUSE" ON TELEVISION AND RADIO REPORT HE WILL MAKE TO THE NATION JAN. 4 ON HIS ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM THUS FAR. HE ALSO WILL OUTLINE ITS FUTURE OBJECTIVES.

DURING HIS 10-DAY STAY IN AUGUSTA THE PRESIDENT ALSO PLANS TO WORK ON THREE DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL GO TO CONGRESS EARLY NEXT MONTH. THEY ARE THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, WHICH HE WILL DELIVER TO THE LEGISLATORS PERSONALLY JAN. 7, AND THE BUDGET AND ECONOMIC REPORTS WHICH HE WILL SEND TO THE CAPITOL A FEW DAYS LATER.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. EISENHOWER PLAN TO ATTEND SERVICES TOMORROW MORNING AT AUGUSTA'S REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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KOREAN-TROOPS (750)

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE ANNOUNCED PLAN TO WITHDRAW TWO ARMY DIVISIONS FROM KOREA RAISED THE QUESTION TONIGHT OF WHETHER THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO PULL MOST OF ITS GROUND FORCES OUT OF THAT COUNTRY--AND CONFRONT RED CHINA WITH A DEMAND THAT SHE DO THE SAME.

IN MAKING HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE AUGUSTA, GA., LITTLE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID HE HAS DIRECTED THAT U. S. GROUND FORCES IN KOREA "BE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT." HE DESCRIBED THE ORDER FOR RETURN OF THE TWO DIVISIONS AS AN "INITIAL" STEP.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN WORKING ON FINAL DETAILS OF THE PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL PLAN FOR MORE THAN A WEEK. IT IS KNOWN ONE OF THE EARLIER DRAFTS OF THE PLAN WAS CARRIED TO THE FAR EAST A WEEK AGO BY ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND WALTER

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S. ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.
BUT THE FINAL DETAILS AND PHRASING OF THE DECISION WERE SPELLED OUT ON WEDNESDAY WHEN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON AND SECRETARY OF THE ARMY STEVENS WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A MEETING WITH EISENHOWER AFTER A SESSION OF THE ENTIRE CABINET.

A FURTHER AND DRASTIC SCALING DOWN OF AMERICAN GROUND FORCES, WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING REDUCTION OF TROOPS OF THE OTHER UNITED NATIONS FORCES THERE WOULD LEAVE MANNING OF THE NORTH-SOUTH KOREA LINE TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES.

THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 16 SOUTH KOREAN DIVISIONS, WITH ANOTHER THREE OF FOUR IN PROCESS OF TRAINING. BACKING THEM UP WOULD BE THE READILY ADVAILABLE AND "HIGHLY MOBILE NAVAL, AIR AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS" OF WHICH EISENHOWER SPOKE IN HIS STATEMENT.

A SOUTH KOREAN DIVISION NORMALLY CONSISTS OF ABOUT 10,000 MEN BUT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECENT MONTHS TO BUILD UP DIVISIONAL STRENGTH CLOSER TO THE 17,500-MAN LEVEL OF AN AMERICAN ARMY DIVISION.

EISENHOWER'S REFERENCE TO AMPHIBIOUS UNITS SUGGESTED THAT MARINE FORCES, NOW CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO DIVISIONS (A MARINE DIVISION RANGES FROM 20,000 TO 25,000 MEN) WOULD BE KEPT CLOSE TO THE KOREAN ZONE, WHERE THE LARGE AMERICAN NAVAL FORCE NOW THERE COULD LAND THEM QUICKLY IN AN EMERGENCY.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED A SHARP IMPLICATION THAT A BREAKING OF THE ARMISTICE BY THE REDS WOULD MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD UNLEASH ITS AIR POWER DIRECTLY UPON THE HOMELAND OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, BEYOND THE YALU RIVER. HE RECALLED THAT THE U. N. ALLIES HAVE AGREED THAT IF THE ARMISTICE IS BREACHED IT PROBABLY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THE CONFLICT WITHIN THE KOREAN FRONTIERS. WHILE EISENHOWER MADE NO MENTION OF IT TODAY, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT CLOSED THE DOOR TO THE POSSIBLE USE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IF IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE WAR TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND.

IN TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT, EISENHOWER EMPHASIZED THAT "OUR GROWING NATIONAL AIRPOWER POSSESSES GREATER MOBILITY AND GREATER STRIKING FORCE THAN EVER BEFORE."

THIS REFERENCE TO "NATIONAL AIRPOWER" WAS THE SAME WORDING USED BY RADFORD IN A RECENT ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON. IT OBVIOUSLY INCLUDES NAVAL AVIATION, BOTH SEA AND LAND BASED, AS WELL AS AIR FORCE STRENGTH. THE NAVY HAS, SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE KOREAN WAR, KEPT A SUBSTANTIAL FORCE OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS IN THE AREA.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SUGGESTED THAT THE "NEW LOOK" FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM, WHICH EISENHOWER AND SECRETARY WILSON ORDERED SOME TIME AGO, ALREADY IS BEGINNING TO BE REFLECTED IN ACTUAL STRATEGY.

THE EMPHASIS ON GREATER USE OF WEAPONS AS AGAINST THE MAINTENANCE OF LARGE FORCES OF MANPOWER, BASIC TO THE NEW LOOK, WAS POINTED UP IN THE DECISION TO START CUTTING DOWN ON GROUND FORCES IN KOREA.

THE ARMY HAS OPPOSED MANPOWER REDUCTIONS ORDERED BY WILSON AS PART OF THE NEW LOOK-ECONOMY PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY A RECENT DECISION BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL MEAN A MANPOWER CUT OF ABOUT 13 PERCENT BY JULY 1,1955, WHICH WOULD BRING TOTAL ARMY STRENGTH DOWN TO ABOUT 1,165,000 FROM A PRESENT FORCE OF ABOUT 1,500,000.

WILSON CONTENDED THIS REDUCTION COULD BE MADE WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE ARMY'S COMBAT EFFICIENCY, PRIMARILY THROUGH TRIMMING DOWN THE SIZE OF THE SUPPORTING AND SERVICE UNITS WHICH BACK UP THE COMBAT DIVISIONS.

EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT TODAY MADE NO REFERENCE TO MANPOWER REDUCTIONS. BUT THE RETURN OF TWO DIVISIONS TO THE UNITED STATES COULD BE REFLECTED EVENTUALLY IN A CUTBACK OF ARMY MANPOWER IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED UP TO TONIGHT ON WHICH OF THE SIX ARMY DIVISIONS NOW IN KOREA WOULD BE BROUGHT HOME. THE DIVISIONS THERE INCLUDE TWO NATIONAL GUARD OUTFITS--THE 40TH OF

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CALIFORNIA AND 45TH OF OKLAHOMA--WHICH WERE FEDERALIZED.

EXPIRATION OF SERVICE FOR MEN IN THESE DIVISIONS AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY MEN FROM THE REGULAR ARMY HAVE REMOVED MANY OF THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN. THIS, HOWEVER, DID NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GUARD DIVISIONS MIGHT BE BROUGHT BACK AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP AND SOME EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO CONTROL OF THE STATES. IN THAT CASE, REGULAR ARMY MEN OF THE DIVISIONS PRESUMABLY WOULD BE USED AS FILLERS FOR REGULAR ARMY DIVISIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, MOST OF WHICH ARE NOW UNDER STRENGTH.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOST OR ALL AMERICAN DIVISIONS FROM KOREA WOULD NOT MEAN THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE THE FAR EAST. THE UNITED STATES, UNDER THE PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN AND UNDER OTHER ARRANGEMENTS GROWING OUT OF WORLD WAR II, HAS BASES IN JAPAN, OKINAWA AND OTHER ISLANDS WITHIN COMPARATIVELY EASY REACH OF KOREA.

BASED IN JAPAN NOW IS THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, A PORTION OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, THE 187TH REGIMENT OF THE 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION, AND THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION.

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WITH AUGUSTA EISENHOWER (230)

SEOUL, SUNDAY, DEC. 27 (AP)-SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI TODAY CLAIMED HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE U.S. IS PLANNING TO REDUCE ITS FORCES IN KOREA AND CRITICIZED THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR TAKING SUCH ACTION.

PYUN SAID THE MOVE WOULD WEAKEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA POSITION AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. HE INDICATED HE FELT ROK TROOPS WERE NOT READY TO STEP INTO THE GAP WHICH WOULD BE CREATED.

"FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY, WE DO NOT WELCOME ANY U.N. DIVISIONS BEING WITHDRAWN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR REPLACEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT WITH KOREAN PERSONNEL," PYUN SAID.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN AUGUSTA, GA., TODAY THAT THE ROK GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE U.S. FORCE REDUCTION PLAN.

BUT PYUN DENIED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE FIRST WORD HE HAD OF THE U.S. PLAN WAS WHAT THEY TOLD HIM TODAY WHEN THEY QUESTIONED ABOUT THE EISENHOWER STATEMENT.

"I DO NOT WISH TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENT ON NEWS FOR WHICH I HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION," PYUN SAID.

SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. HE IS SPENDING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD AT CHINHAE, NEAR PUSAN.

PAIK TOO CHIN, SOUTH KOREAN PRIME MINISTER, SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER "IS NEW TO ME. IT IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT."

HE REFUSED FURTHER COMMENT.

PYUN, IN HIS TALK WITH NEWSMEN, DECLARED THAT TWO UNITED NATIONS DIVISIONS SHOULD BE COMING TO KOREA RATHER THAN BEING PULLED OUT.

MEANWHILE, THE NEWS WAS HAILED WITH GLEE BY AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

AN ARMY OFFICER PREDICTED THAT IF THE TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN BY DIVISIONS, THE SAME PROCEDURE AS USED AFTER WORLD WAR II WOULD BE FOLLOWED. THAT IS, MEN WITH THE MOST SERVICE IN KOREA WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DIVISION TO BE WITHDRAWN AND COMPARATIVELY NEW MEN WOULD BE SWITCHED TO THE UNITS REMAINING.

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TOKYO, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE 8TH ARMY SAID TODAY "IT MAY BE SAFELY ASSUMED" THAT THE TWO AMERICAN DIVISIONS WHICH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID YESTERDAY ARE TO BE PULLED OUT OF KOREA WILL NOT LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

THE ARMY ADDED THAT WITHDRAWAL OF TWO DIVISIONS "IS NOT LIKELY TO AFFECT MATERIALLY THE LENGTH OF SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL U.S. SOLDIERS."

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MEN WITH CONSIDERABLE TIME LEFT TO SERVE IN KOREA WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO UNITS WHICH REMAIN. THEIR PLACES WILL BE FILLED BY MEN WHOSE TOURS OF DUTY ARE VIRTUALLY COMPLETED, THE ARMY SAID.

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FOLOW AUGUSTA (140)

OTTAWA, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE UNITED NATIONS HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT IT WANTS CANADA TO REDUCE HER GROUND FORCES IN KOREA AND CANADA HASN'T ASKED TO WITHDRAW ANY TROOPS, A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN WAS COMMENTING ON AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REDUCE U.S. GROUND FORCES IN KOREA PROGRESSIVELY WITH AN INITIAL REDUCTION OF TWO ARMY DIVISIONS.

"WE PUT IN WHAT THE U.N. ASKED AND AGREED TO KEEP THEM THERE UNTIL THE U.N. SAID THAT IT COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT THEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "THEY HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THEY WANT US TO REDUCE OUR FORCES AND WE HAVE MADE NO OVERTURES TO REDUCE."

AT PRESENT CANADA HAS ABOUT 7,000 GROUND TROOPS IN KOREA, MADE UP OF THE 25TH CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE AND SUPPORTING TROOPS. THE NAVY ALSO HAS THREE DESTROYERS SERVING WITH U.N. NAVAL DETACHMENTS AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE OPERATE A TRANS-PACIFIC AIR LIFT OF SUPPLIES TO JAPAN.

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FOLO AUGUSTA (120)

HONOLULU, DEC.26 (AP)-THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S. ARMY IN THE PACIFI INDICATED TODAY THAT ONE OF THE TWO ARMY DIVISIONS WHICH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID SOON WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA WILL BE STATION IN HAWAII.

LT.GEN. JOHN W. O'DANIEL REFERRED NEWSMEN TO A STATEMENT HE MADE DEC. 7 THAT HE EXPECTED ONE DIVISION TO BE STATIONED AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS WHEN TROOPS NOW IN KOREA ARE SENT ELSEWHERE.

ALTHOUGH DECLINING DIRECT COMMENT ON TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT, GEN. O'DANIEL SAID:

"WE ANTICIPATE THAT A DIVISION WILL BE ORDERED HERE AND ARE PRE-
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PARED TO RECEIVE AND TAKE CARE OF IT. SUCH AN ADDITION MIGHT COME AT ANY TIME."

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SPY RINGS

(ADVANCE)..WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-SEN. JENNER (R-IND), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID TODAY "THERE PROBABLY ARE 25 SOVIET SPY RINGS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES."

JENNER VOICED THE CHARGE IN A PREPARED STATEMENT MARKING PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AT WHICH AN ACKNOWLEDGED FORMER OFFICER OF THE SOVIET ARMY INTELLIGENCE MADE SIMILAR ACCUSATIONS.

ISMAEL EGE, FORMER CHIEF OF A RED ARMY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION WHO BROKE WITH COMMUNISM, TESTIFIED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN NEW YORK ON OCT. 23 THAT "I WOULD SAY AT A MINIMUM THERE ARE 25 (SOVIET SPY) NETWORKS, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL" OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY.

EGE SAID SOME OF THEM ARE COMPOSED OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND SOME HAVE SOVIET CITIZENS AS MEMBERS, WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH TRUSTED COURIERS.

JENNER REVIEWED EGE'S TESTIMONY AT LENGTH, PREFACING THE REVIEW WITH THIS STATEMENT:

"RECENT TESTIMONY BEFORE THE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE REVEALS THAT THERE PROBABLY ARE 25 SOVIET SPY RINGS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES."

IN A TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY MADE PUBLIC WITH JENNER'S STATEMENT, EGE TOUCHED ON THE CAREER OF A MAN HE NAMED AS KUDRYAVTSEV SERGI, ONE-TIME CORRESPONDENT FOR THE RUSSIAN NEWS AGENCY TASS. HE SAID THE MAN ALSO SERVED AS AN AGENT FOR A SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AND LATER WAS SENT TO CANADA "WHERE HE GOT INVOLVED IN THE CANADIAN ATOMIC-SPY CASE."

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AFTER THAT, EGE CONTINUED, THE MAN WAS APPOINTED TO THE SOVIET DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

AT THE HEARING, JENNER ASKED, "UNLESS THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR METHOD OF OPERATION, YOU HAVE NO DOUBT IN YOUR MIND THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY USING THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE SAME FASHION AS THEY HAVE USED INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES AND SO FORTH?"

EGE REPLIED, "I AM SURE OF IT."

THE JENNER STATEMENT ALSO QUOTED EGE AS SAYING HE ONCE TRIED TO USE THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS IN HIS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES BUT WAS FORBIDDEN TO DO SO BECAUSE IT ALREADY WAS BEING USED BY ANOTHER SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

EGE ALSO WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT ONE ARTHUR ADAMS, NAMED IN A 1945 INVESTIGATION REPORT AS A RED ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENT. HE TESTIFIED HE KNEW OF AN ADAMS IN THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, BUT DID NOT KNOW HIS FIRST NAME.

THE INVESTIGATION REPORT SAID THAT ARTHUR ADAMS VISITED A SCIENTIST, CLARENCE HISKEY, WHO WAS DOING METALLURGICAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATOM BOMB PROJECT.

THE TESTIMONY TRANSCRIPT MADE PUBLIC BY THE COMMITTEE SHOWED THAT HISKEY WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT A VISIT FROM ADAMS AND REFUSED TO ANSWER, CITING THE CONSTITUTIONAL SECTION AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION.

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U. N. CHARTER

BY WILBUR JENNINGS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-SEN. HOLLAND (D-FLA) SAID TODAY HE WILL ASK THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE NAMED TO RECOMMEND CHANGES IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO TAKE TO THE ROAD AND GET THE "BENEFIT OF THE THINKING OF AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE."

THE COMMITTEE, APPOINTED IN OCTOBER TO STUDY PROPOSED REVISIONS, IS HEADED BY CHAIRMAN WILEY (R-WIS) OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IT IS COMPOSED OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP PLUS HOLLAND AND SEN. COOPER (R-KY).

SINCE THE COMMITTEE'S FORMATION WAS ANNOUNCED, HOLLAND SAID, HE HAS RECEIVED SCORES OF LETTERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, SUGGESTING VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE U. N. CHARTER.

FOR THIS REASON, HOLLAND SAID "I AM GOING TO URGE THAT HEARINGS BE HELD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY" SO THAT THE VIEWS OF AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE MAY BE OBTAINED.

HOLLAND SAID MANY OF THE PEOPLE WRITING HIM AGREED WITH THE OBSERVATIONS OF AN AKRON, OHIO, MINISTER WHO WROTE:

"THE U. N. SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, GIVING IT MORE ADEQUATE POWERS TO CREATE AND ENFORCE WORLD PEACE. . . . SUCH POWER NEED NOT IMPINGE ON THE RIGHT OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO RULE THEIR OWN PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN WAY, SO LONG AS THEY DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF OTHER PEOPLES TO DO THE SAME."

SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TOLD THE U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN A

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SPEECH LAST SEPTEMBER THAT CHARTER CHANGES SHOULD ENGAGE THE BEST THOUGHT AND ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS. HE CALLED, TOO, FOR SUGGESTIONS FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO JOIN BECAUSE OF THE VETO.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE MUST HAVE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS READY BY EARLY 1955, WHEN THE U. N. ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER CHARTER REVISIONS.

HOLLAND SAID "WE MUST HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF AMERICAN OPINION ON THIS REVISION," AND ADDED:

"I REALIZE THAT THE U. N. HAS NOT BEEN PERFECT AND I, LIKE MANY OTHER CITIZENS, HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFIED WITH ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I CANNOT SEE, HOWEVER, ANY OTHER AGENCY OR ACTIVITY IN EXISTENCE TODAY WHICH OFFERS SO MUCH HOPE OF WORLD PEACE.

"I THINK ONE OF OUR BIG JOBS ON THIS COMMITTEE IS TO GET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT CHARTER CHANGES WHICH THEY WILL SUPPORT AND WHICH ARE WORKABLE."

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BY HARRISON HUMPHRIES

(ADVANCE)..WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-REP. HOSMER (R-CALIF) RETURNED THIS WEEK FROM TWO WEEKS ACTIVE TRAINING DUTY AS A NAVAL RESERVE COMMANDER ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC POWERED SUBMARINE AND ITS CREW.

HOSMER'S TRAINING AT THE NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, CONN., INCLUDED STUDY AND INSPECTION OF THE ATOMIC SUBMARINES NAUTILUS AND SEA WOLF UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT GROTON, CONN.

THE CONGRESSMAN TOOK SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING WITH NAUTILUS CREW MEMBERS AT NEW LONDON AND MADE AN ASCENT FROM A 100-FOOT DEPTH USING THE MOMSEN LUNG ESCAPE DEVICE.

"OUR NATION CAN WELL BE PROUD THAT WE HAVE PRODUCED MEN WITH THE IMAGINATION AND ABILITY TO CONCEIVE, BUILD AND OPERATE THE WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC POWERED CRAFT," HOSMER SAID IN A STATEMENT.

THE NAUTILUS IS TO BE LAUNCHED JAN. 21 WITH MRS. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER THE NATION'S FIRST LADY, AS SPONSOR.

HOSMER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NAUTILUS, CMDR. EUGENE P. WILKINSON. HE CALLED WILKINSON "A MAN WELL QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THE NAVY'S PRIZE COMMANDING OFFICER'S BILLET."

WILKINSON, A NATIVE OF LONG BEACH, CALIF., ENTERED NAVAL SERVICE, LIKE HOSMER, THROUGH ENLISTMENT IN THE V-7 NAVAL RESERVE PROGRAM IN JULY, 1940.

AFTER SERVICE TOGETHER ON EAST COAST NAVAL VESSELS AS ENLISTED MEN, HOSMER CONTINUED TO SERVE ON SURFACE SHIPS WHILE WILKINSON VOLUNTEERED FOR SUBMARINE DUTY AND EARNED THE SILVER STAR AND OTHER DECORATIONS FOR PATROLS IN JAPANESE WATERS DURING WORLD WAR II.

HOSMER SAID THE CREW OF THE NAUTILUS WAS SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR DUTY ON THE NEW CRAFT. THE ENGINE ROOM CREW HAS BEEN OPERATING THE VESSEL'S PROTOTYPE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

HOSMER SAID THE POWER PLANT OF THE NAUTILUS REQUIRES NO OXYGEN AND WILL ENABLE HER TO CRUISE UNDERWATER FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS.

AT NEW LONDON, HE SAID, MANY STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE OF INTERIOR COLOR AND DESIGN TO MAKE THE VESSEL "MORE HABITABLE THAN ANY SUBMARINE EVER BUILT."

"RESEARCH ALSO HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF LONG CONFINEMENT ON CREW MEMBERS," HE SAID.

DURING A RECENT "OPERATION HIDEOUT," HE ADDED, "A SUBMARINE CREW OF VOLUNTEERS WAS CONFINED IN A VESSEL ALONGSIDE THE NEW LONDON DOCKS FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS. DAILY OBSERVATIONSOF THE OFFICERS AND MEN CONFINED PRODUCED MUCH INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THE FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE NAUTILUS AND THE SEA WOLF."

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(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, DEC. 26 (AP)-DAVID E. LILIENTHAL TODAY URGED PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PLAN FOR A WORLD ATOM POOL, ASSERTING ANY LONG DELAY MAY WELL BE FATAL TO THE PLAN AND WORLD PEACE.

LILIENTHAL, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TOLD A NATIONWIDE RADIO AUDIENCE ("NBC LECTURE HALL") THAT THE POOL CAN BE OPERATING IN A MODEST WAY "WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS FROM TODAY."

IN HIS PREPARED SPEECH, LILIENTHAL SUGGESTED BELGIUM AS A SITE FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL ATOMIC POWER PLANT AND GENEVA AS THE HOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION OUTLINED BY EISENHOWER.

THE FORMER U.S. ATOM CHIEF, WHO ONCE HEADED THE VAST TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, HAILED THE EISENHOWER PROPOSAL AS AN "ELECTRIFYING. . . GIFT . . . OF PEACE ON EARTH" AND "A COURAGEOUS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL FAITH."

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"AFTER YEARS OF EXPOSURE TO UNDISGUISED ATOMIC JINGO-ISM BY LESSER MEN, THIS COUNTRY HAS AT LAST PPUT ITS CASE BEFORE THE WORLD ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF MORAL LEADERSHIP," HE DECLARED.

THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED PERSONALLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON DEC. 8--WITH BRITAIN'S ADVANCE APPROVAL--THAT THE ATOMIC POWERS JOINTLY CONTRIBUTE MATERIEL AND BRAINS TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY IN A KIND OF ATOMIC POINT FOUR PROGRAM FREE OF THE INSPECTION FEATURE THAT HAS BEEN THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF ATOMIC DISARMAMENT PLANS.

THIRTEEN DAYS LATER THE SOVIET AGREED TO TAKE PART IN THE PRIVATE TALKS SUGGESTED BY EISENHOWER AS A PRELIMINARY TO SETTING UP THE ATOM BANK.

THE RUSSIAN ACCEPTANCE, LILIENTHAL DECLARED TODAY, HAS "A MOST FAMILIAR SOUND TO ALL WHO REMEMBER THE SOVIET'S SUCCESS IN DEALING OUT DEATH-BY-NEGOTIATION TO BERNARD BARUCH'S EPIC EFFORTS TO END THE ATOMIC ARMS RACE."

"BUT," HE ADDED, "A NEW START, AND A BY NO MEANS HOPELESS START, HAS BEEN MADE."

LILIENTHAL, HOWEVER, FORESAW LONG DELAYS BEFORE "WE MAY HOPE FOR AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA."

IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, EISENHOWER'S IDEA MUST "PROMPTLY" BE TURNED INTO "A GOING INTERPRISE," IF IT IS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SKY-ROCKET."

"IF WE SAY WE WON'T TAKE ACTION AT ALL UNTIL THE DISCUSSIONS WITH RUSSIA ARE COMPLETE," HE SAID, "WE MAY HAVE TO WAIT SO LONG FOR THAT AGREEMENT THAT THE WHOLE IDEA WILL THEN BE DEAD, PERHAPS BEYOND RECALL."

THEREFORE, LILIENTHAL URGED, "GET GOING IMMEDIATELY--WITH THE RUSSIANS AS FULL PARTICIPANTS IF THEY AGREE TO JOIN; BUT WITHOUT THEM, FOR THE TIME BEING, IF THEY DON'T."

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HE LISTED THESE AS THE INGREDIENTS ESSENTIAL TO TAKE EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FROM PAPER TO REALITY WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS IN A "LIVING DEMONSTRATION OF THE FREE WORLD'S PREOCCUPATION WITH PEACE:"

1. MATERIALS--URANIUM, PLUTONIUM AND RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES. WHICH,

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED THAT THE PRISONERS MUST BE

HE SAID, ARE AMPLY AVAILABLE IN THE WESTERN WORLD.
2. SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS, ALSO "NO PROBLEM."
3. A PLACE TO SET UP LABS AND STORE MATERIALS. HE SUGGESTED THE ENVIRONS OF BRUSSELS FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL ATOMIC POWER PLANT BECAUSE BELGIUM SUFFERS HIGH COST COAL, HAS NEITHER OIL NOR WATER POWER AND IS CONVENIENT FOR FOREIGN ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS TO REACH. HE SUGGESTED GENEVA FOR OTHER ATOMIC RESEARCH BECAUSE IT ALREADY IS THE HOME OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION IN THE FIELD.
4. A U.N. AGENCY TO ACCEPT THE MATERIALS AND ORGANIZE THE WORK--"NO GREAT BARRIER TO EARLY ACTION."
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ADVANCE FOR USE AT 7 P.M. E.S.T. SATURDAY DEC. 26
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(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) SAID TODAY HE HAS ASKED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER SUBMITTING TO A GRAND JURY THE CASE OF A BALKY WITNESS IN AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED SPYING AT FT. MONMOUTH.

THE WITNESS IS HARRY HYMAN, A NEW YORK CITY INSURANCE MAN. MCCARTHY SAID ON DEC. 17 THAT HYMAN IN THE PAST TWO YEARS MADE "HUNDREDS" OF TELEPHONE CALLS TO DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING THE BIG NEW JERSEY COMMUNICATIONS AND RADAR CENTER.

HYMAN SWORE HE NEVER ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE. BUT HE INVOKED THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION WHEN MCCARTHY ASKED HIM AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN NEW YORK CITY ABOUT THE TELEPHONE CALLS AND POSSIBLE COMMUNIST TIES.

MCCARTHY, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME THAT HE WOULD ASK THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER HYMAN WAS VULNERABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE SMITH ACT. THAT LAW DECLARES IT A CRIME TO ORGANIZE OR CONSPIRE TO ORGANIZE ANY GROUP TEACHING, ADVOCATING OR ENCOURAGING OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR VIOLENCE "KNOWING THE PURPOSE THEREOF."

IT IS THE LAW UNDER WHICH TOP COMMUNIST LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY AND SENT TO PRISON.

TODAY MCCARTHY MADE PUBLIC A LETTER TO ATTORNEY GEN. BROWNELL, SAYING IN PART:

"IT WOULD APPEAR THAT YOU MIGHT, AFTER HAVING YOUR STAFF REVIEW THE EVIDENCE (TAKEN AT HIS PUBLIC HEARINGS), DECIDE TO SUBMIT THIS TO A GRAND JURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDICTMENT UNDER THE SMITH ACT."

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER STOPPED SHORT OF AN ACTUAL DEMAND OR REQUEST FOR SUCH ACTION.

THE LETTER WAS MADE PUBLIC WITHOUT COMMENT AFTER MCCARTHY HAD LEFT THE CITY ON A VACATION TRIP TO TAMPA, FLA.

AT THE NEW YORK HEARINGS MCCARTHY HAD TOLD HYMAN THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS EVIDENCE THAT HYMAN IN TWO YEARS MADE 400 TO 600 TELEPHONE CALLS TO DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING RADAR RESEARCH LABORATORIES AT FORT MONMOUTH. HE ASKED HYMAN WHETHER THE CALLS HAD BEEN MADE FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES.

HYMAN PROMPTLY INVOKED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TOTHE CONSTITUTION WHICH DECLARES THAT NO WITNESS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIMSELF.

MCCARTHY'S LETTER TO BROWNELL SAID HYMAN "HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED UNDER OATH AS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTIONARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND AS AN ORGANIZER FOR THE PARTY."

"HE OF COURSE HAS REFUSED ON THE GROUND OF SELF-INCRIMINATION TO TELL WHETHER THOSE (TELEPHONE) CALLS WERE FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES," MCCARTHY CONTINUED. "HE HAS ALSO REFUSED TO STATE WHETHER HE WAS ON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1953, THE DATE HE APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, A PAID FUNCTIONARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR A MEMBER OF THE PARTY, AGAIN INVOKING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT."

THE LETTER THEN CITED THE TESTIMONY OF OTHER WITNESSES AT THE HEARING WHO SAID HYMAN HAD ASKED TWO OF THEM TO JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY ABOUT 1946 OR 1947. THEY ARE JOHN SAUNDERS AND JOHN ANTHONY DE LUCA. TWO OTHER WITNESSES, LESTER ACKERMAN AND SAM MORRIS, SAID THEY HAD HEARD HYMAN STATE THAT HE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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TURKISH
WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-MAJOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH OF PRESIDENT CELAL BAYAR OF TURKEY AND MADAME BAYAR. THEY WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY DURING FEBRUARY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT BAYAR WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON BY AIR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, AND WILL REMAIN UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY WHEN HE AND HIS PARTY WILL GO TO PRINCETON, N.J., ON THE START OF THE NATIONAL TOUR.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND LOCAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR VARIOUS CITIES WHICH THE TURKISH LEADER AND HIS COMPANY WILL VISIT:

JAN. 30--1:30 P.M. ARRIVE PRINCETON, 4:30 P.M. LEAVE FOR NEW YORK.
FEB. 1--11:35 P.M. LEAVE FOR CLEVELAND.
FEB. 2--~~P.M.~~ A. M. ARRIVE CLEVELAND, 5:30 P.M. LEAVE CLEVELAND.
[redacted]7:57 ARRIVE TOLEDO.
FEB. 3--2:37 P.M. LEAVE TOLDEO.
FEB. 3--6 P.M. ARRIVE CHICAGO.
FEB. 5--4 P.M. LEAVE CHICAGO.
FEB. 7--2:45 P.M. ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO.
FEB. 8--7:45 P.M. LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO.
FEB. 9--6:45 A.M. ARRIVE LOS ANGELES.
FEB. 10--12:01 P.M. LEAVE LOS ANGELES.
FEB. 10--7:40 P.M. ARRIVE LAS VEGAS.
FEB. 12--5:30 A. M. LEAVE LAS VEGAS.
FEB. 14--7:15 A.M. ARRIVE DALLAS.
FEB. 16--7:35 A.M. LEAVE DALLAS.
FEB. 18--3:50 A.M. ARRIVE RALEIGH.
FEB. 19--9:15 P.M. LEAVE RALEIGH.
FEB. 20--9:20 A.M. ARRIVE NEW YORK.
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THIRD LEAD PRISONERS A167

BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD.

PANMUNJOM, MONDAY, DEC 28-(AP)-THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION TOLD THE ALLIES AND COMMUNISTS TODAY TO DECIDE THE FATE OF MORE THAN 22,000 PRISONERS OF THE KOREAN WAR WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO HOME.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE TWO SIDES DO NOT GET TOGETHER "WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHT TO HOLD THE PRISONERS AFTER JAN. 22."

UNDER THE ARMISTICE TIME TABLE ALL WPRISONERS IN KOREA BECOME CIVILIANS ON THAT DATE.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE PERIOD FOR EXPLANATIONS TO PRISONERS ON WHY THEY SHOULD GO HOME WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED UNLESS BOTH SIDES AGREED. EXPLANATIONS ENDED DEC. 23.

HE SAID THE REPORT ASKED WHETHER INDIAN CUSTODIAL TROOPS SHOULD USE FORCE IF THE PRISONERS ATTEMPT A BREAKOUT AFTER JAN. 22. THAT IS THE DATE THE ARMISTICE SAYS THE PRISONERS SHALL BECOME CIVILIANS. BUT THE ARMISTICE ALSO PROVIDED THAT A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE SHOULD DISCUSS THE PRISONERS' SITUATION FOR 30 DAYS. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVENED BEFORE JAN. 22.

THE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THE INDIANS MIGHT CONDUCT THEIR OWN SCREENING OF PRISONERS TO LEARN THEIR DESIRES. HE SAID THAT WOULD DEPEND ON REACTION OF THE TWO COMPOUNDS TO THE MAJORITY REPORT.

LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA OF INDIA, CHAIRMAN, SIGNED THE REPORT ALONG WITH THE COMMUNIST POLISH AND CZECH MEMBERS.

THE SWISS AND SWEDISH MEMBERS ENTERED A MINORITY REPORT.

THE MAJORITY REPORT ACCUSED THE ALLIED SIDE AND SOUTH KOREA IN PARTICULAR OF INFLUENCING ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS IN INDIAN CUSTODY.

"THE COMMISSION CANNOT RECORD A FINDING THA THE PRISONERS OF WAR IN ITS CUSTODY (ANTI-COMMUNISTS) WERE COMPLETELY FREED FROM THE INFLUENCE OF THE FORMER DETAINING SIDE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WHOSE INCURSIONS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO COME TO ANY OTHER CONCLUSION."

THE SWISS AND SWEDES IN THEIR MINORITY REPORT SAID "IT WAS A FACT THAT PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVED" IN INDIAN CUSTODY IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER. THEY CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NOT UNREASONABLE WITH THE GENERAL SPIRIT OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION THAT THE POWS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ORGANIZED."

AS TO ACTIVITIES AMONG PRISONERS IN THE PRO-COMMUNIST CAMP, THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID "THE COMMISSION HAD NO EVIDENCE OF ANY ACTIVITY OF THE FORMER DETAINING SIDE (COMMUNIST) IN RESPECT OF THE PRISONERS IN THAT CAMP. WHILE THESE PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE WELL DISCIPLINED THE COMMISSION AGAIN HAD NO EVIDENCE WHICH MIGHT HAVE THROWN ANY LIGHT ON THE EXISTENCE OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ITS CHARACTER OR OBJECTIVES."

THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID THE COMMISSION WAS "OBLIGED" TO REFER TO THE TWO COMMANDS THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONERS' STATUS. IT SAID IT WAS REFERRING THE ENTIRE MATTER FOR "CONSIDERATION OF THE TWO COMMANDS IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION."

THE REPORT SAID THIS WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS TO DEBATE THE PRISONERS' FATE FOR 30 DAYS UNDER THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, HAD NOT MET.

THE COMMISSION ALSO ASKED THE TWO COMMANDS TO CONSIDER HOW TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM OF DECLARING THE PRISONERS CIVILIANS AFTER 120 DAYS, AS REQUIRED BY THE TRUCE.

THE U.N. COMMAND HAS ASKED THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BE CARRIED OUT AS WRITTEN, EVEN THOUGH A PEACE CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN CONVENED.

THERE IS ALMOST NO POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT BY THE U.N. AND COMMUNIST COMMANDS ON FURTHER DISPOSITION OF THE CAPTIVES.

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THE U.N. COMMAND FREQUENTLY HAS PROMISED THE MORE THAN 22,000 CAPTURED CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS WHO DID NOT RETURN TO THE COMMUNISTS THAT THEY WOULD BE FREED JAN. 22.

THE U.N. COMMAND ALSO HAS HELD FIRM TO ITS POSITION THAT NO EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE PERMITTED AFTER DEC. 23, THE 90-DAY DEADLINE SET BY THE ARMISTICE.

THE REDS WANT MORE TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS.

IN A KEY CONCLUSION, THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID:

"UNDER PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ON OBLIGATION IS CAST ON THE COMMISSION 'AT THE EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS X X X THE DISPOSITION OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR WHO HAVE NOT EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO BE REPATRIATED SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE X X X.

"SUCH A POLITICAL CONFERENCE HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. CONSEQUENTLY THE COMMISSION CAN NOT SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THEIR DISPOSITION TO THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE AND IS THEREFORE OBLIGED TO REFER THE ENTIRE MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TWO COMMANDS IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

"IT IS ALSO FOR CONSIDERATION IN WHAT MANNAGER PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO THE DECLARING 'THE RELEASE FROM PRISONER OF WAR STATUS TO CIVILIAN STATUS OF ANY PRISONERS WHO HAVE NOT EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO BE REPATRIATED AND FOR WHOM NO OTHER DISPOSITION HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION HAS ASSUMED THEIR CUSTODY.'"

BY THROWING THE MATTER BACK TO THE RIVAL COMMANDS INSTEAD OF ACTING ON ITS OWN, THE COMMISSION SEEMS CERTAIN TO EMBROIL THE ALLIES AND COMMUNISTS IN ANOTHER VITUPERATIVE CONFLICT OVER THE PRISONERS.

ON THE MATTER OF INFLUENCING CAPTIVES, THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID THAT LETTERS FOUND ON ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS "POINT TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR ORGANIZATION AND TO ITS LOCATION IN SEOUL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA."

IT ADDED:

"THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS WAS LINKED WITH FOUR BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS CONTROLLING SIX POW ENCLOSURES; THE BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR TURN CONTROLLED THE COMPOUND ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL THE 55 COMPOUNDS. AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FUNCTIONED BETWEEN THE THREE SETS OF ORGANIZATIONS. THE 64TH UNITED NATIONS FIELD HOSPITAL CONSTITUTED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LINK IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM."

THE MAJORITY REPORT WAS 44 PAGES LONG AND THE MINORITY REPORT 23 PAGES.

THE SWISS AND SWEDES SAID THEY COULD SEE NO NEED FOR A REPORT AT THIS TIME AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO WAIT UNTIL THE COMMISSION'S WORK WAS ENDED, FEB. 22 UNDER THE ARMISTICE TIMETABLE. BUT THEY SAID THEY WERE FILING THEIR REPORT BECAUSE THE MAJORITY WAS MAKING A "COMPREHENSIVE INTERIM REPORT."

THE MINORITY REPORT WAS MAINLY A CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW.

THE REDS WANTED, AND THE U.N. COMMAND OPPOSED, EXPLANATIONS AFTER DEC. 23. THE REDS SAID THE ARMISTICE CALLED FOR 90 ACTUAL DAYS OF EXPLANATIONS TO PRISONERS WHO HAD REFUSED REPATRIATION. THE U.N. COMMAND INSISTED THAT THE TRUCE PACT CALLED ONLY FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD AVAILABLE FOR EXPLANATIONS.

THE U.N. COMMAND LIKEWISE HAS INSISTED THAT THE PRISONERS MUST BE

FREED AFTER JAN. 22, THE END OF THE 30-DAY PERIOD PERMITTED BY THE ARMISTICE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THEIR PROBLEMS BY A PEACE CONFERENCE. EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A PEACE CONFERENCE FAILED.

SWEDISH AND SWISS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION DISSENTED FROM THE MAJORITY REPORT.

IN A 90-MINUTE SESSION SUNDAY THE N.N.R.C. VOTED TO TRANSMIT BOTH REPORTS. THEIR CONTENTS WERE NOT RELEASED BY THE COMMISSION AND A SPOKESMAN FOR INDIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, SAID NONE WAS LIKELY TODAY. IT APPEARED THE FIRST RELEASE WOULD COME EITHER FROM THE U.N. COMMAND OR RED CHINA'S RADIO.

(PEIPING RADIO SAID SUNDAY THE MAJORITY REPORT WOULD BE RELEASED IN FULL AT 1 P.M. MONDAY -- 11 P.M. SUNDAY EST.)

THEXPLANATIONS WERE ENDED OFFICIALLY DEC.23 BY A 3-2 VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE DISSENTERS, SINCE HAVE CRITICIZED THIS ACTION AS A "VIOLATION" OF THE TRUCE TERMS.

(ANOTHER PEIPING BROADCAST SAID THAT LT. GEN. LEE SANG CHO, NORTH KOREAN MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, SENT A LETTER SUNDAY TO THE N.N.R.C. REQUESTING IT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ENDING THE EXPLANATIONS. THE LETTER SOUGHT TO DOCUMENT THROUGH THE TRUCE'S "TERMS OF REFERENCE" LEGAL GROUNDS FOR REVERSING THE DECISION THAT THE INTERVIEWS CAME TO AN END LAST WEDNESDAY.)

AT THE TIME, RED EXPLANATION TEAMS HAD PERSUADED LESS THAN 5 PER CENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED AMONG MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM. THE U.N. COMMAND HAD DRAWN A BLANK WITH THE 250 SOUTH KOREANS IT INTERVIEWED AFTER WHICH THE OTHER PRISONERS, INCLUDING 22 AMERICANS, REFUSED EVEN TO COME OUT FOR EXPLANATIONS. MORE THAN A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE PRISONERS.

THE REDS HAVE CHARGED THAT AGENTS OF SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE AND OF CHINESE NATIONALIST PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK WERE "PLANTED" IN THE ANTI-RED COMPOUNDS, TERRORIZING THE MEN THERE INTO REFUSING INTERVIEWS. THE U.N. COMMAND ACCUSED THE RED SIDE OF BREAKING OFF THE INTERVIEWS AFTER FAILING TO WIN BACK [redacted].

YESTERDAY PEIPING RADIO SAID THAT SOME OF THE MOST RECENTLY REPATRIATED PRISONERS BROUGHT OUT WORD "THERE ARE STILL LARGE NUMBERS OF CAPTURED KOREAN AND CHINESE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING NUMEROUS CIVILIANS, IN THE GRIP OF THE SPECIAL AGENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO REPATRIATION."

(PEIPING RADIO, AS MONITORED IN TOKYO, KEPT HAMMERING AWAY SUNDAY AT THE IDEA THAT THE EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL 90 ACTUAL DAYS OF INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

(BROADCASTS QUOTING "INDIAN INFORMATION SERVICE REPORTS" SAID BOTH GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA, INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF N.N.R.C. AND V.K. KRISHNA MENON, HEAD OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FAVORED EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE EXPLANATIONS.)

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FIRST LEAD SPELLMAN (110)

SEOUL, MONDAY, DEC. 23 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN CELEBRATED MASS TODAY IN AN AIR BASE CHAPEL AND THEN LEFT BY SMALL PLANE ON A DAYLONG TOUR OF MARINE AIR INSTALLATIONS IN KOREA.

THE WHITE-HAIRED CATHOLIC VICAR FOR AMERICAN FORCES IS ON THE SIXTH DAY OF HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE CHRISTMAS VISIT TO KOREA. HE PLANNED TO FLY TOMORROW TO TASK FORCE 77 OFF THE KOREAN COAST AND GO ON TO TOKYO WEDNESDAY FOR THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE SMALL CHAPEL WAS FILLED WITH AIRMEN FOR THE CARDINAL'S MASS. HE WAS ASSISTED BY THE REV. WILLIAM T. MCMULLEN OF BUFFALO, N.Y.

FIVE THOUSAND MARINES PRAYED BAREHEADED IN FREEZING WEATHER HERE YESTERDAY WITH THE CARDINAL AT AN OUTDOOR ALTAR.

"THERE IS NO HAPPIER MAN ON EARTH TODAY THAN I," HE SAID.

SEVERAL HUNDRED KOREAN CIVILIANS ALSO ATTENDED. THE WOMEN, WEARING WHITE CHURCH VEILS, STOOD ON THE FROZEN HILLSIDE NEAR THE MASSED U.S. FIRST MARINE DIVISION MEN.

LATER CARDINAL SPELLMAN, WHO FLEW HERE FROM SEOUL IN A HELICOPTER, WENT TO AN ADVANCE OBSERVATION POST OVERLOOKING THE KOREAN NEUTRAL ZONE. HE LOOKED THROUGH BINOCULARS AT COMPOUNDS HOUSING THE MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO BACK TO COMMUNISM.

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KOREAN

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, MONDAY, DEC.23 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ANNOUNCED PLAN TO REDUCE U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN KOREA, WITH TWO DIVISIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN "SOON," STIRRED ENTHUSIASTIC SPECULATION TODAY AMONG THE SOLDIERS BUT WAS RECEIVED WITH UNDISGUISED DISPLEASURE BY SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS.

"I COULD JUMP THROUGH THE CEILING IF I THOUGHT IT MEANT I WOULD BE GOING HOME SOONER," WAS THE TYPICAL REACTION VOICED BY PFC. LOUIS G. SHEAPS, OF 641 EAST MAIN ST., LOCK HAVEN, PA.

IN A MORE RESERVED REACTION, GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, COMMANDER OF THE U.S. ARMY FORCES IN KOREA, SAID "IT MAY BE SAFELY ASSUMED THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THESE DIVISIONS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY."

THE GENERAL ALSO SAID THE WITHDRAWALS WOULD NOT AFFECT MEN WITH CONSIDERABLE TIME TO SERVE IN KOREA. SUCH MEN WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DESIGNATED DIVISIONS TO OTHER OUTFITS IN FAVOR OF MEN WHOSE TOURS ARE ABOUT OVER.

SPECULATION WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN THE U.S. 25TH DIVISION WITH THE SOLDIERS ASKING, "COULD IT BE US?"

THE 25TH HAS BEEN IN KOREA LONGER THAN ANY OTHER DIVISION. THE 24TH WAS THE FIRST ARMY DIVISION TO SEE ACTION IN THE WAR. THE FIRST CAVALRY CAME IN ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME. BUT THE 24TH AND FIRST CAVALRY SINCE HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME IN JAPAN WHILE THE 25TH HAS REMAINED IN KOREA.

SGT. BOB CAMPBELL, 22, OF 829 LINN ST., PEORIA, ILL., SAID "RUMORS HAVE BEEN STRONG FOR MONTHS NOW THAT WE MIGHT BE GOING BACK TO HAWAII; THAT'S THE 25TH'S HOME."

SATURDAY THE COMMANDER OF U.S. ARMY FORCES IN THE PACIFIC SAID AT HONOLULU HE BELIEVED ONE OF THE TWO WITHDRAWN DIVISIONS WOULD BE STATIONED IN HAWAII.

OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE, WHO FROWNS ON THE CURRENT TRUCE AND FAVORS RESUMPTION OF THE WAR AGAINST THE REDS, CRITICIZED EISENHOWER'S ANNOUNCED PLAN.

FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI SAID IT WOULD WEAKEN THE REPUBLIC'S POSITION AND INDICATED HE FELT SOUTH KOREAN TROOPS WERE NOT READY TO STEP INTO THE GAP.

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"WE DO NOT WELCOME ANY U.N. DIVISIONS BEING WITHDRAWN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR REPLACEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT WITH KOREAN PERSONNEL," HE TOLD NEWSMEN.

BOTH PYUN AND THE SOUTH KOREAN PRIME MINISTER, PAIK TOO CHIN, SAID THEY HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE PLAN. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID IN HIS ANNOUNCEMENT SATURDAY THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED.

MILITARY SPECULATION IN KOREA WAS THAT THERE ARE EIGHT DIVISIONS TO CHOOSE FROM: THE FIRST MARINE AND THE ARMY'S 2ND, 3RD, 7TH, 24TH, 25TH, 40TH AND 45TH. THOSE DIVISIONS WERE IN KOREA AT THE TIME OF THE ARMISTICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHIFTS OF ANY OF THEM SINCE THEN.

THE FIRST CAVALRY AND THE 3RD MARINE DIVISIONS ARE IN JAPAN.

NEWSMEN CHECKING REACTIONS OF THE SOLDIERS TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, FOUND SOME INCLINED TO BE CRITICAL. AMONG THESE WAS M/SGT CARL LANE, 42, OF 3509 FEDERAL RD., PASADENA, TEX., NOW WITH THE 7TH DIVISION.

"I THINK IT IS A BAD THING," HE SAID.

"WE DID THE SAME THING AFTER WORLD WAR II AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED. UNTIL WE KNOW HOW THINGS ARE GOING -- FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE -- AND THERE IS A FIRMER FOUNDATION, I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS THE RIGHT THING."

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S AUGUSTA, GA., ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT THE POTENTIAL TO RESIST ANY NEW AGGRESSIVE MOVE WOULD REMAIN, BOLSTERED BY INCREASED STRIKING POWER OF THE AIR FORCE.

GENERAL TAYLOR'S BRIEF STATEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF HIS U.S. 8TH ARMY COMMAND MADE NO COMMENT BEYOND POINTING OUT THE PLAN TO RETAIN SOLDIERS WITH SERVICE DUE AND THE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT THE TWO DIVISIONS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY.

"FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE DISSEMINATED PROMPTLY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER REACTIONS OF SOLDIERS IN KOREA COLLECTED AT RANDOM BY NEWSMEN:

CPL. ASTON THOMAS, 7412 PROSPECT AVE., THE BRONX, N.Y.--"I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON WHY THE 25TH SHOULDN'T BE ONE OF THE DIVISIONS THAT MOVES OUT."

PFC. DANIEL CUP, MARIANNA, FLA.--"I JUST HOPE THE CHINKS STAY WHERE THEY ARE NOW SO THAT THE NEWS CAN COME TRUE."

PVT. JAMES L. SMITH, ROUTE 3, CARROLLTON, GA. --"I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN COMBAT BUT IT SEEMS THAT THOSE GUYS WHO HAVE BEEN SHOULD BE ALLOWEI TO GO HOME NOW."

CPL. PETER J. FORNACCA, 23, NEW HAVEN, CONN.--"WE CAN AFFORD TO WITHDRAW SOME OF OUR AMERICAN TROOPS BECAUSE WE HAVE BUILT UP THE ROK ARMY TO A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN STEP IN AS REPLACEMENTS FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO GO HOME."

CPL. BRUCE J. BAKER, 567 PARK AVE., NEW YORK CITY--"IT SHOWS SIGNS THAT THEY WILL MAKE A SETTLEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, OTHERWISE THEY WOULDN'T BE MAKING SUCH PLANS."

PFC. GENO DELFINO, 3120 GRACE AVE., THE BRONX, N.Y., A 25TH DIVISION SOLDIER--"IT IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THE ARMY TO DO IT, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD MEAN THAT I PROBABLY WOULD BE STAYING HERE IF MY DIVISION SHOULD BE THE ONE SENT HOME."

PVT. ROBERT L. QUADE, RURAL ROUTE 4, MONTICELLO, IND.--"I JUST GOT HERE AND PROBABLY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ONE OF THE DIVISIONS THAT STAYS HERE IF THE 45TH SHOULD BE THE ONE TO GO HOME."

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CAMERAMAN (250)

BY STAN CARTER

SEOUL, MONDAY, DEC. 28 (AP)-A JAPANESE NEWSREEL CAMERAMAN GOES INTO A KOREAN COURT TODAY TO HEAR A FORMAL CHARGE THAT HE ASSAULTED A KOREAN.

THE CAMERAMAN, AKIRA SHIRAISHI, OF UNITED PRESS MOVIETONE NEWSREEL, WAS ARRESTED BY KOREAN POLICE SATURDAY NIGHT AND JUST OUTSIDE THE U.S. 8TH ARMY CORRESPONDENTS' BILLETS AND HAS BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO EVER SINCE.

THE SIX JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS IN KOREA TOLD OTHER NEWSMEN THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THEM THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO COVER STORIES IN KOREA EXCEPT AT PANMUNJOM AND AT AMERICAN UNITS. SINCE SHIRAISHI'S ARREST, THEY HAVE STAYED IN THEIR BILLETS, EXCEPT WHEN THEY WENT OUT IN COMPANY OF AMERICANS.

SHIRAISHI IS ACCUSED OF BEATING A KOREAN GUARD WHO REFUSED TO POSE FOR A PICTURE. THE CHIEF OF DETECTIVES AT THE SEOUL POLICE STATION SAID SHIRAISHI INFLICTED INJURIES WHICH WILL KEEP THE 44-YEAR-OLD KOREAN INCAPACITATED FOR TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, THE KOREAN HAS BEEN SEEN WORKING AT HIS JOB AT THE BILLETS SINCE THE ALLEGED ASSAULT

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LAST WEDNESDAY.

AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER AND CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ASAHI AND KYODO NEWS SERVICE WENT TO THE POLICE STATION SUNDAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW SHIRAISHI. A U.S. ARMY OFFICER ACCOMPANIED THEM. KOREAN DETECTIVES DENIED PERMISSION FOR THE INTERVIEW.

BY MISTAKE, THEY WALKED INTO A ROOM WHERE SHIRAISHI WAS BEING QUESTIONED BY TWO DETECTIVES. HE WORE A U.S. ARMY OFFICER'S UNIFORM WITH A UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENT'S PATCH ON THE SLEEVE--THE REGULATION UNIFORM FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

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BY SPENCER MOOSA (210)

TAIPEH, MONDAY, DEC.28 (AP)-AMID SPECULATION HE WOULD APPEAL FOR AMERICAN AID FOR A COMEBACK ATTEMPT AGAINST THE CHINESE RED MAINLAND, PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK OF NATIONALIST CHINA CONFERRED AGAIN TODAY WITH ADM. ARTHUR W. RADFORD AND WALTER S. ROBERTSON.

CHIANG HELD HIS FIRST DISCUSSION SATURDAY WITH THE VISITING CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

RADFORD AND ROBERTSON LEAVE TODAY FOR MANILA TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT RAMON MAGSAYSAY.

WHILE HERE, THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ACQUAINTED CHIANG WITH REASONS PROMPTING WASHINGTON'S DECISION FOR AN EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF TWO U.S. DIVISIONS FROM KOREA.

OTHER TOPICS BELIEVED DISCUSSED WERE: THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION AS A WHOLE; THE PROSPECTS IN KOREA; CHIANG'S JOINT CALL WITH SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE FOR A PACIFIC UNION AGAINST COMMUNISM.

THE TALKS WERE HELD AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF GROWING NATIONALIST UNEASINESS LEST THE UNITED STATES REDUCE MILITARY AID TO FORMOSA. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS SPECULATED THAT RADFORD AND ROBERTSON MIGHT HAVE TOLD CHIANG HE COULD FEEL FORTUNATE IF THE PRESENT VOLUME OF AID IS CONTINUED IN 1954.

ADMIRAL RADFORD, MRS. RADFORD AND ROBERTSON WERE DINNER GUESTS LAST NIGHT OF PRESIDENT AND MADAME CHIANG.

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TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC.28 (AP)-RED CHINA'S RADIO AND PRESS DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION YESTERDAY TO THE REPORTED COMPLETION IN LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AT ANSHAN, MANCHURIA, OF TWO STEEL MILLS AND A BLAST FURNACE "WITH ALL OPERATIONS CONTROLLED BY PUSH-BUTTONS."

THE ACCOUNTS GAVE LAVISH CREDIT TO RUSSIA'S TECHNICAL AID. THEY SAID RED CHINA NOW WOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD NEW RAILROADS AND BRIDGES "WITH HOME ROLLED STEEL."

PEIPING RADIO SAID COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES WERE HELD SATURDAY FOR A SEAMLESS TUBING MILL, A HEAVY STEEL ROLLING MILL AND A BLAST FURNACE.

THE BROADCAST SAID ANSHAN STEEL WORKERS SENT MESSAGES OF THANKS TO RED CHINA'S MAO TZE-TUNG AND TO RUSSIA'S GEORGI MALENKOV.

ONE LETTER FROM WORKERS PUBLISHED IN A PEIPING NEWSPAPER QUOTED THEM AS SAYING 20,000 TONS OF STEEL WERE NEEDED FOR THE GIRDERS OF A BRIDGE BEING BUILT AT WUHAN TO LINK UP TRUNK LINES NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE YANGTZE RIVER.

"NOW THAT YOUR HEAVY ROLLING MILL IS COMPLETED, WE ARE ABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY TO BUILD CHINA'S BIGGEST BRIDGE WITH HOME ROLLED STEEL," THE WORKERS WROTE.

OPERATION OF THE THREE NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS "WILL GREATLY

STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY," REPORTED THE PEIPING PEOPLE'S DAILY, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF RED CHINA'S COMMUNIST PARTY.

PEIPING RADIO SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT STARTED WORK IN 1950 OF DESIGNING THE THREE PROJECTS AND ALL THE MAIN EQUIPMENT "WERE MADE IN THE SOVIET UNION."

IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE THREE PROJECTS "ARE ONLY PART OF THE OVERALL PLAN TO TRANSFORM ANSHAN INTO ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COMBINED IRON AND STEEL ENTERPRISES."

JAPAN ESTABLISHED THE ANSHAN WORKS DURING ITS OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA. THE PLANTS REPORTEDLY REACHED A MAXIMUM ANNUAL OUTPUT OF 3 MILLION TONS OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS.

PEIPING RADIO SAID SUNDAY:

"THE ROLLED STEEL PRODUCED BY THE HEAVY ROLLING MILL ALONE WILL SURPASS THE RECORD ANNUAL OUTPUT OF THE WHOLE OF ANSHAN DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION."

WHEN MANCHURIA FELL TO THE RUSSIANS WITH THE DEFEAT OF JAPAN, ANSHAN'S FACILITIES WERE CAPTURED INTACT. THE RUSIANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE STRIPPED ANSHAN OF MUCH PLANT EQUIPMENT AND TO HAVE SHIPPED IT TO SOVIET TERRITORY.

ON HAND AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES SATURDAY WAS L.S. KEVERSLOV, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF THE METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY.

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JAPANESE

TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC. 28-(AP)-THE GOVERNMENT IN LUKEWARM TERMS THANKED THE UNITED STATES LAST WEEKEND FOR GIVING BACK THE AMAMI OSHIMA ISLANDS TO JAPAN BUT RED CHINA CALLED THE RETURN A "FRAUD" AND JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS CLAMORED FOR THE MORE IMPORTANT BONINS AND OKINAWA.

ONE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER HINTED THAT RETURN OF AMAMI OSHIMA WAS NOTHING MORE THAN ADDED INDUCEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES FOR JAPAN TO STEP UP REARMAMENT.

PEIPING RED RADIO SAID YESTERDAY THE RETURN OF AMAMI OSHIMA WAS A "FRAUD," CHARGING THAT THE ISLAND CHAIN "AFTER ITS 'RETURN' STILL REMAINS A WAR BASE UNDER U.S. CONTROL."

THE ASAMI OSHIMA CHAIN, LYING BETWEEN JAPAN AND OKINAWA, WAS RETURNED CHRISTMAS DAY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SAID OKINAWA AND THE BONINS, SITES OF HEAVILY INVESTED MILITARY BASES, WOULD BE RETAINED INDEFINITELY.

JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS ARGUED THAT THESE BIGGER ISLANDS COULD BE RESTORED TO JAPAN'S CONTROL WHILE STILL BEING USED AS MILITARY BASES.

PRIME MINISTER SHIGERU YOSHIDA AND FOREIGN MINISTER KATSUO OAKZAKI POLITELY THANKED THE UNITED STATES FOR RETURN OF AMAMI OSHIMA.

MAMORU SHIGEMITSU, LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION PARTY, SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS HOLDING ON TO OKINAWA AND THE BONINS BECAUSE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH YOSHIDA'S GO-SLOW REARMAMENT POLICY. HE INSISTED THE UNITED STATES WOULD GIVE THEM BACK IF YOSHIDA QUIT IN HIS FAVOR.

THE LEFT WING SOCIALIST PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT DEMANDING NOT ONLY IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE BIGGER ISLANDS BUT ALSO DISMANTLING OF THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

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"MR. DULLES (SECRETARY OF STATE) WASN'T TOO SPEEDY OR SENSIBLE TO RETURN THE (AMAMI OSHIMA) ISLANDS ONLY WHEN THE UNITED STATES STARTED PRODDING JAPAN FOR REARMAMENT," SAID AN EDITORIAL IN ASAHI, JAPAN'S LARGEST NATIONAL NEWSPAPER.

"THE PEOPLE [illegible] OKINAWA AND BONIN, WHO ARE NOW IN JAPAN, ARE DENIED RETURN TO THE[illegible]ES. THEY ARE EXILED JUST AS THOSE JAPANESE HELD UP IN RUSSIA S[illegible]S ARE EXILES."

"THERE IS NO HAPPIER MAN ON EARTH TODAY THAN I," HE SAID. [illegible] THE WOMEN, WEARING

THE TOKYO SHIMBUN, JAPAN'S LARGEST EVENING PAPER, SAID:

"POSSESSION OF TERRITORY AGAINST THE WISHES OF ITS PEOPLES IS AGAINST AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. BOTH THE UNIED STATES AND RUSSIA DISCLAIMED ANY IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS DURING WORLD WAR II AND BOTH ARE NOW IN THE WRONG."

RUSSIA RETAINS THE KURILE AND HABOMAI ISLANDS NORTH OF JAPAN AND IS USING THEM AS AIR BASES.

YOMIURI, TOKYO'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, TOLD U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN M. ALLISON IN AN OPEN LETTER:

"WE BELIEVE RECOVERY OF JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER OKINAWA AND THE BONINS WILL NOT IN THE LEAST INCONVENIENCE THE AMERICANS.

THE AMERICAN-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP CAN BE CEMENTED ONLY AFTER THE UNITED STATES RETURN THESE ISLANDS TO JAPAN."

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TOKYO, MONDAY, DEC.28 (AP)-RED CHINA YESTERDAY WARNED POTENTIAL "TRAITORS" WITHIN HER MIDST THAT WHAT HAPPENED TO RUSSIA'S LAVRENTI BERIA CAN HAPPEN TO THEM.

PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL ORGAN, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY, AN EDITORIAL APPROVING BERIA'S EXECUTION. THE EDITORIAL SAID "THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL DRAW A VALUABLE POLITICAL LESSON AND TIGHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE."

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LONDON, DEC. 27 (AP)-MOSCOW RADIO SAID TONIGHT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY HAS LANDED THE ATOMIC WEAPON PROBLEM IN A "BLIND ALLEY."

THE BROADCAST, HEARD HERE, CONTENDED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN ITS REPLY LAST WEEK TO THE PROPOSAL OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FOR INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, HAD MADE "A NEW AND IMPORTANT PROPOSAL."

BUT, THE RADIO SAID, SECTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS HAD DISTORTED THE ESSENCE OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

MOSCOW COMMENTATOR ALEXANDER VLADIMIROV IN A GERMAN LANGUAGE BROADCAST, SAID THAT IN APPLYING ATOMIC ENERGY TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES "IT IS CLEAR THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS END ONE MUST:

1. CATEGORICALLY PROHIBIT THE ATOMIC WEAPON AND SET UP A STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER THIS BAN.

2. MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES THE ENTIRE QUANTITY OF ATOMIC MATERIALS WHICH ARE TO BE MANUFACTURED."

VLADIMIROV REFERRED THREE TIMES TO WHAT HE CALLED THIS "NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL" BUT FAILED TO MAKE CLEAR HOW IT DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE PREVIOUS SOVIET STAND ON ATOMIC WEAPONS. HE DECLARED:

"IT IS BY NO MEANS THE FAULT OF THE SOVIET UNION THAT SO FAR NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THIS COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WHICH IS VITAL TO ALL THE PEOPLES." HE ADDED:

"AMERICAN DIPLOMACY HAS LANDED THE QUESTION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON IN A BLIND ALLEY."

IN ITS STATEMENT LAST WEEK, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGREED TO EISENHOWER'S SUGGESTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TALKS ON ATOMIC PROBLEMS. AT THE SAME TIME IT REITERATED RUSSIA'S DEMAND FOR AN ALL-OUT BAN ON THE USE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN AT LOGGERHEADS OVER THIS ISSUE IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR YEARS. THE UNITED STATES INSISTS ON A FOOLPROOF SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION AND CONTROL

BEFORE THE WEAPONS ARE OUTLAWED. RUSSIA WANTS A PLEDGE TO OUTLAW ATOMIC WEAPONS AS HER FOREMOST DEMAND AND INSISTS ON INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION WITH THE VETO INTACT, AND ONLY IN SO FAR AS IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

VLADIMIROV ALLEGED THAT THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S COMMENTATOR, LINDLEY FRASER, HAD DEPLORED RUSSIA'S INSISTENCE ON BANNING THE WEAPONS AND HAD "TRIED TO DISTORT THE CLEAR MEANING OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL."

HE ADDED:

"(JOHN) HIGHTOWER, WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DECLARED: "AT FIRST SIGHT IT APPEARS ALMOST INCONCEIVABLE THAT AMERICA WOULD AGREE AT THE PRESENT TIME TO PLEDGE NOT TO USE THE ATOMIC WEAPON.'"

THE RUSSIAN COMMENTATOR SAID: "IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY SECTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS DISTORTED THE ESSENCE OF THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL. CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WEST GERMANY WISH TO LEAVE THE BROAD MASSES IN IGNORANCE ABOUT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL."

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(HIGHTOWER ACTUALLY WROTE LAST WEDNESDAY AS FOLLOWS: "WHAT EISENHOWER SOUTHT TO DO WITH HIS PROPOSAL WAS TO SUGGEST A WAY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA, AND SUCH OTHER NATIONS AS BRITAIN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND BELGIUM COULD WORK TOGETHER TO PRODUCE ATOMIC POWER FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES FOR MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. HE VOICED A HOPE THAT THIS EXPERIENCE WOULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO A SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS AND TO THE FOOLPROOF ELIMINATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

"ON THE FACE OF IT, AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE OF A PLEDGE NOT TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS SEEMS AT THIS STAGE TO BE VIRTUALLY UNTHINKABLE. U.S. MILITARY PLANNING NOW REGARDS ATOMIC WEAPONS AS BEING CONVENTIONAL-- THAT IS, LIKE GUNPOWDER WEAPONS. THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THIS. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE HIT UPON A NEW DEVICE WHICH THEY HOPE WILL GIVE THEM A PROPAGANDA WEAPON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.")

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A52

BIG FOUR (260)

BY COLIN FROST

LONDON, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE KREMLIN HINTED BROADLY TONIGHT THE RUSSIANS WILL GO INTO THE BIG FOUR CONFERENCE ON GERMANY STILL FIRMLY AGAINST THE WESTERN PLAN FOR FREE ALL-GERMAN ELECTIONS.

AN ARTICLE BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ORGAN IZVESTIA LASHED OUT AT WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER AS TRYING TO BRING ALL GERMANY UNDER MILITARIST RULE AND DECLARED:

"FALSE TALK ABOUT 'FREE ELECTIONS' IS NEEDED BY THE ADENAUER CLIQUE AND ITS PATRONS TO SCREEN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO GET FULL CONTROL OF GERMANY FOR THEIR AGGRESSIVE AIMS.

"BUT THE DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEABLE POTSDAM PRINCIPLES ARE NOT SO EASY TO BURY TODAY AS IT MIGHT SEEM TO CERTAIN WESTERN DIPLOMATS.

"THE VERY EXISTENCE AND PROGRESS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (EAST GERMANY) SHOW HOW GROUNDLESS ARE THE CALCULATIONS OF THOSE WHO WOUULD LIKE TO IMPOSE FOREIGN DICTATION UPON ALL GERMANY AND IN ONE STROKE ABOLISH THE DEMOCRATIC CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY."

THE ARTICLE CHARGED THAT THE WESTERN PLAN FOR FREE ELECTIONS AS A FIRST STEP TO UNITING GERMANY WAS AIMED AT EXTENDING THE WEST GERMAN CONSTITUTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ESTABLISHING "AN ORDER SUITING THE ADENAUER CLIQUE AND ITS TRANS-ATLANTIC PATRONS."

THE WESTERN IDEA, IT CHARGED, GAVE NO GUARANTEE AGAINST GERMANY COMING UNDER THE RULE OF PEOPLE "SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT WEST GERMAN DEPUTIES OR THE REACTIONARY DEPUTIES WHO RULED ON THE EVE OF THE FASCIST COUP OF 1933."

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THE ARTICLE PLUMPED FOR THE OLD RUSSIAN IDEA OF EAST AND WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENTS JOINING IN A TEMPORARY ALL-GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO SUPERVISE ELECTIONS. THE WEST HAS CRITICIZED THIS PROPOSAL ON TWO GROUNDS:

IT WOULD GIVE UNDUE INFLUENCE TO THE COMMUNISTS OF THE SMALLER EAST ZONE.

IT OFFERS NO GUARANTEE THAT ELECTIONS IN THE EAST ZONE WOULD BE REALLY FREE.

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(120)

LONDON, DEC. 27 (AP)-BRITISH LEFTWING LABORITE ANEURIN BEVAN TOOK OFF TODAY BY COMET JETLINER FOR A MUCH CRITICIZED TOUR OF EGYPT. WITH HIM WENT HIS WIFE, JENNY LEE, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE BEVANITE GROUP IN PARLIAMENT.

BEVAN TOLD REPORTERS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET PRESIDENT MOHAMED NAGUIB OF EGYPT FOR "A SHORT INFORMAL CHAT." HE SAID, TOO, HE HOPES TO VISIT THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE, GARRISONED BY 70,000 BRITISH TROOPS.

A BITTER STORM BROKE AROUND BEVAN RECENTLY AFTER AN EGYPTIAN PAPER PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY HIM SAYING BRITAIN SHOULD MEET EGYPTIAN DEMANDS AND GET OUT OF THE ZONE. BOTH THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE LABORITE OPPOSITION HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL -- BUT A 40-STRONG GROUP OF REBEL CONSERVATIVES IS STRONGLY AGAINST IT.

AFTER VISITING EGYPT, BEVAN IS DUE TO GO ON TO JORDAN BEFORE VISITING ISRAEL AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE EXPECTS TO RETURN ABOUT MID-JANUARY.

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LONDON, DEC. 27 (AP)-A SOVIET COMMENTATOR TODAY ACCUSED "AGGRESSIVE FORCES" IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF INVENTING FLYING SAUCERS TO FAN WAR HYSTERIA.

MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY K. KHACHATUROV IN THE SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER RED STAR, SAYING:

"THOSE WHO SPREAD THESE FABLES ARE ENDEAVORING TO CREAE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS ORIGINATE FROM MOSCOW.

"THE MYTHICAL 'SAUCERS' TAKE OFF FROM THE PAGES OF THE BOURGEOIS PRESS EVERY TIME THERULING CIRCLES OF THIS OR THAT CAPITALIST COUNTRY, ON ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON, ARE TRYING TO FOIST UPON THEIR PEOPLE THE NEW BURDEN OF MILITARY EXPENDITURE."

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(150)

BERLIN, DEC.27 (AP)-A WEST BERLIN BOY RETURNING FROM A CHRISTMAS VISIT IN WEST GERMANY WITH HIS PARENTS WAS KILLED ON THE SOVIET ZONE AUTOBAHN LAST NIGHT BY A BURST OF GUNFIRE FROM COMMUNIST BORDER GUARDS, POLICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD JOACHIM WOZNIAK WAS STRUCK IN THE CHEST. HIS MOTHER, ISA, 40, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. HIS FATHER, ADALBERT WOZNIAK, WHO RUNS A TRUCKING AGENCY HERE, ESCAPED UNHURT.

WEST BERLIN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS STATIONED AT THE HIGHWAY CHECKPOINT AT DREILINDEN TOLD POLICE THEY SAW WOZNIAK'S CAR APPROACH ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE BORDER LAST NIGHT. IT WAS SUDDENLY STOPPED AND SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM A MACHINE PISTOL, THEY SAID.

THE CAR THEN LEFT, BUT CAME BACK HALF AN HOUR LATER AND PASSED THE WESTERN CHECKPOINT WHERE WOZNIAK REPORTED THE INCIDENT. IN THE CAR WERE THE DEAD BOY AND THE BADLY HURT MOTHER. THE FRONT OF THE CAR HAD BEEN PIERCED BY FIVE BULLETS. POLICE SAID THEY WERE UNABLE AS YET TO SAY WHY WOZNIAK'S CAR WAS STOPPED AND FIRED ON IN THE RUSSIAN ZONE, WHICH SURROUNDS BERLIN.

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BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 27 (AP)-CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER PREDICTED TODAY THE WESTERN BIG THREE WILL ACCEPT RUSSIA'S PROPOSAL FOR A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN BERLIN JAN. 25 OR LATER INSTEAD OF JAN. 4.

HE TOLD REPORTERS HE DIDN'T THINK THE QUESTION OF A MEETING HALL WOULD CREATE ANY DIFFICULTY. A SOVIET NOTE YESTERDAY OBJECTED, BY IMPLICATION, TO MEETING IN THE FORMER FOUR-POWER CONTROL BUILDING IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN AND SUGGESTED THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS MEET TO SELECT A SITE.

THE QUESTION OF GERMANY'S FUTURE WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF ANY FOUR-POWER MEETING.

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BEIRUT, LEBANON, DEC. 27 (AP)-ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATES MET HERE TODAY TO TRY TO DRAFT A NOTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT WOULD TURN DOWN ISRAEL'S CALL FOR DIRECT PEACE TALKS BUT NOT OFFEND THE BIG WESTERN POWERS.

THE LEAGUE WAS SUMMONED AT JORDAN'S REQUEST TO CONSIDER ISRAEL'S ACT INVOKING AN ARTICLE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO FORCE THE JORDANIANS INTO DIRECT TALKS.

ISRAEL TOOK THE ACTION LAST MONTH AFTER THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL HANDED HER A SHARP REBUKE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLOODY OCTOBER RAID ON THE JORDAN VILLAGE OF KIBYA WHICH COST 53 ARAB LIVES.

ISRAEL COMPLAINED THAT THE BIG THREE-BACKED CENSURE RESOLUTION WAS UNFAIR AND BLAMED INADEQUATE ARMISTICE MACHINERY FOR THE KIBYA INCIDENT THEY CALLED FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH JORDAN DESIGNED TO REVISE THE ARMISTICE.

JORDAN HAS OPPOSED TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON GROUND THAT THE PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS ADEQUATE IF THE ISRAELIS WILL ENFORCE IT.

JORDAN'S PREMIER FAWZI EL MULKI MET YESTERDAY WITH LEBANON'S PRESIDENT CAMILLE CHAMOUN REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS ALLEGED WESTERN PRESSUR FOR THE TALKS. MULKI REPORTEDLY ASKED CHAMOUN'S AID IN DRAFTING A REPLY WHICH WOULD REJECT THE TALKS WITHOUT ENDANGERING RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE BIG POWERS--PARTICULARLY HER ALLY, BRITAIN.

LEBANON REPORTEDLY HAS DRAFTED A TENTATIVE REPLY TO THE U.N. FOR CONSIDERATION ON BY THE LEAGUE. THIS DRAFT WOULD LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR TALKS UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE ARMISTICE PROVIDING FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE TRUCE THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF THE U.N. TRUCE COMMISSION. JODRAN IS KNOWN TO APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS OF THIS TYPE, AND IT IS BELIEVED THE OTHER ARAB STATES FEEL THE SAME.

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INDOCHINESE BUDGET (500)

BY LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DCE.27 (AP)-COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH TROOPS DUG IN NEAR THE BORDER OF JITTERY THAILAND TODAY TO MEET EXPECTED FRENCH COUNTER MEASURES FOLLOWING THE LIGHTNING RED THRUST ACROSS LAOS WHICH SLICED INDOCHINA IN TWO.

THE REBELS, WHO LAUNCHED THEIR FOUR-DAY 100-MILE DRIVE FROM THE ANNAM COAST, COMPLETED THE PUSH YESTERDAY, RUMBLING INTO THE LAOTIAN BORDER TOWN OF THAKHEK ON THE HEELS OF RETREATING FRENCH TROOPS.

THE FRENCH PULLED OUT OF THAKHEK IN THE FACE OF THE OVERWHELMING RED DRIVE AND BEGAN CALLING IN REINFORCEMENTS FOR AN EXPECTED COUNTER ATTACK WHICH OBSERVERS PREDICTED WOULD COME SWIFTLY.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE EIGHT-YEAR-OLD INDOCHINA WAR THAT THE VIETMINH HAVE REACHED THE THAILAND FRONTIER ON THE MEKONG RIVER. THE REDS CAME WITHIN 30 MILES OF THE MEKONG LAST APRIL IN THEIR INVASION OF LAOS--ONE OF THE THREE FRENCH-ASSOCIATED STATES IN INDOCHINA. BUT, AFTER THREATENING THE LAOTIAN CAPITAL OF LUANG PRABANG, THEY QUIT WITH THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON.

THE VIETMINH OCCUPATION OF THAKHEK, 300 MILES SOUTHWEST OF HANOI, SPLIT INDOCHINA ACROSS ITS NARROW WAIST, SEVERING ALL ROAD AND RIVER SUPPLY LINES. CAPTURE OF THAKHEK, A RELAY CENTER FOR SUPPLIES GOING INTO WESTERN AND NORTHERN LAOS GIVES THE REDS A BASE ON THAILAND'S BORDER. THIS HAS THROWN A SCARE INTO THE LITTLE COUNTRY AND IT IS RUSHING TROOPS AND ARTILLERY TO ITS NORTHERN FRONTIER.

THE REDS NOW HAVE A CHOICE OF STRIKING NORTHWARD TOWARD THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT SEAT OF VIENTIANE 144 MILES AWAY OR HEADING SOUTHWARD TOWARDS STRATEGIC SAVANNAKHET, 58 MILES AWAY, WHICH IS USED BY THE FRENCH AS AN AIR BASE. THESE POINTS NOW MUST BE SUPPLIED BY AIRLIFT.

THE VIETMINH THUS SCORED AN IMPRESSIVE--EVEN IF TEMPORARY--SUCCESS WITH THEIR BOLD THRUST ACROSS LAOS, A MOVE THAT HAS CAUSED A BAD CASE OF NERVES NOT ONLY IN THAILAND BUT IN BURMA AND OTHER NEARBY COUNTRIES.

AUTHORITATIVE OBSERVERS IN SAIGON BELIEVE THE ATTACK IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A GENERAL RED OFFENSIVE ON SEVERAL FRONTS, WITH POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY OBJECTIVES. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE VIETMINH CHIEF, HO CHI MINH, REPEATEDLY HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AN ARMISTICE IN THE INDOCHINA WAR, BUT THAT HE NEEDS MILITARY SUCCESSES TO PLACE THE REDS IN A FAVORABLE BARGAINING POSITION IF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOP.

THE FRENCH HAVE HAD THE SAME IDEA, DECLARING THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS MUST BE PUSHED MORE VIGOROUSLY TO PUT THE FRENCH UNION IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION FOR POSSIBLE PEACE TALKS.

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REPORTS RECEIVED IN HANOI INDICATED THE FRENCH ARE PREPARING A SWIFT COUNTER THRUST AND THE GENERAL BELIEF IS THAT THE VIETMINH OCCUPATION OF THAKHEK WILL BE BRIEF. THE FRENCH SAY THE VIETMINH HAS TO DEPEND ON A VAST ARMY OF COOLIES TO SUSTAIN THEIR LINE AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE INCREASING SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES UNDER HAMMERING FRENCH AIR ASSAULTS, IF THEY TRY TO HOLD ON TO THAKHEK.

VIETMINH GEN. VO NGUYEN GIAP LAUNCHED HIS DRIVE THROUGH LAOS BEFORE CHRISTMAS WHILE THE FRENCH WERE EXPECTING AN ATTACK ON THE FORTIFIED PLAIN OF DIEN BIEN PHU, 180 MILES WEST OF HANOI IN THE HEART OF THE THAI TRIBAL COUNTRY. THE FRENCH STILL ARE EXPECTING AN ATTACK THERE. THE VIETMINH'S 316TH "IRON DIVISION" IS REPORTED ONLY EIGHT MILES FROM DIEN BIEN PHU.

TO MOUNT A FULL SCALE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE REDS, THE FRENCH ARE GOING TO NEED LOTS OF HELP FROM THE UNITED STATES. SINCE 1950 THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SUPPLYING EACH YEAR SOME 500 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF WAR EQUIPMENT TO THE FRENCH AND INDOCHINA. THIS YEAR THE FIGURE IS TO BE BOOSTED ANOTHER 385 MILLION DOLLARS. IN ADDITION, AMERICAN TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC AID HAS REACHED 102 MILLION DOLLARS WITH ANOTHER 25 MILLION SLATED ALREADY FOR 1954. SINCE IT STARTED DEC.19, 1946, THE WAR HAS COST THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ABOUT 10 BILLION DOLLARS.

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WITH HANOI BUDGET (480)

BY OLEN CLEMENTS

SINGAPORE, DEC.27 (AP)-SOUTHEAST ASIA TONIGHT NERVOUSLY WATCHED THE COMMUNIST VIETMINH STAB ACROSS LAOS TO THE BORDER OF THAILAND, FEARING BIGGER BLOWS.

THE LITTLE ASIAN MONARCHY OF THAILAND WAS JITTERY. HER 19 MILLION POPULATION HAS LONG TREMBLED BEFORE A BIG RED CHINA TO THE NORTH. BURMA SHIVERED TOO.

THE PROMPT REACTION OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT TO THE VIETMINH THRUST TO THE MEKONG RIVER MARKET CITY OF THAKHEK WAS HEARTENING.

THAI PRIME MINISTER P.PIBULSONGGRAM ORDERED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NINE NORTHERN THAI PROVINCES.

THE COMMANDER OF THE 40,000-MAN THAI NATIONAL POLICE FORCE, GEN. PHAO RUSHED TO THE NORTHERN PROVINCES FROM BANGKOK WITH THE COMMANDER-INC-CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE AND THE ARMY'S DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

DEADPAN KING PHUMIPHUM WAS REPORTED KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION FROM BANGKOK, WHERE THE 26-YEAR-OLD MONARCH AND HIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG QUEEN LIVE.

THAILAND HAS BEEN SLOW TO DEVELOP A WILL TO RESIST THE COMMUNISTS. GRADUALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, HER POLICE FORCE WHICH PATROLS THE BORDERS AND THE INTERIOR AND HER 60,000-MAN ARMY HAVE STIFFENED. THE ARMY IS BASED MOSTLY AROUND THE CANAL-LACED CITY OF BANGKOK. THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE SMALL.

CONTROL OF THAKHEK BY THE 20,000 VIETMINH TROOPS TAKING PART IN THE DRIVE WOULD SEVER THE MAIN FRENCH LINE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN LAOS. THE LAOS CAPITAL OF LUANG PRABANG IS ENDANGERED BY THE SWIFT COMMUNIST-LED MOVE.

RED AGENTS HAVE BEEN FILTERING INTO THAILAND THROUGH NORTHERN BURMA AND FROM THE NORTHEAST. POLICE CAPTURE COMMUNIST AGENTS FREQUENTLY BUT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN SEIZED IN ANY GREAT NUMBERS.

THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE REDS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE CHINESE POPULATION IN THAILAND. OF THE COUNTRY'S 19 MILLION INHABITANTS, SEVEN MILLION ARE OF CHINESE DESCENT. THIS FIGURE IS DISPUTED IN BANGKOK WHERE CHINESE SAY THERE ARE ONLY SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN THAILAND. THE REASON FOR THE DISPUTE IS THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT LEVIES A HEAD TAX ON ALL CHINESE. BY CLAIMING THAI CITIZENSHIP, ALIENS AVOID THE TAX.

THE CHANCES FOR RED INFILTRATION FROM CHINA AND THE PRESSURES THAT MIGHT BE PUT ON THAI RESIDENTS WITH RELATIVES STILL IN CHINA HAS WORRIED PIBULSONGGRAM.

INTERNALLY THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS EXCELLENT CONTROL. THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY APPARENT OPPOISITION TO THE PREMIER SINCE HE TOOK OVER IN A COUP RIGHT AFTER THE PREVIOUS KING, THE ELDER BROTHER OF KING PHUMIPHUM, WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE PALACE OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS FIVE YEARS AGO. THE THAI LEGISLATURE IS HALF ELECTED AND HALF APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE 246 MEMBERS.

ECONOMICALLY, THE COUNTRY IS FAIRLY SOUND. IMPORT CONTROLS WERE PUT INTO EFFECT RECENTLY TO CONSERVE THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE. THIS YEAR'S RICE CROP WAS GOOD AND AN EXPORTABLE SURPLUS OF 1 1/2 MILLIO TONS IS ON HAND.

THE VIETMINH NEEDS RICE.

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SAIGON, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE VIETMINH CLANDESTINE RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE REBEL COMMAND RELEASED 297 FRENCH UNION TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

THE BROADCAST HEARD IN SAIGON CALLED THE FREED FRENCH, NORTH AFRICAN, FRENCH LEGION AND VIETNAM SOLDIERS "THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR PEACE CONTINGENT." THE RADIO DID NOT GIVE DETAILS ON THE RELEASE.

BOTH SIDES IN THE INDOCHINA WAR HAVE MADE A PRACTICE OF VOLUNTARILY FREEING GROUPS OF PRISONERS.

THE VIETMINH RADIO ALSO BROADCAST A MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW-TRAINED VIETMINH CHIEF HO CHI MINH TO HIS TROOPS. HE SAID THE REBELS MUST FIRST DESTROY THE ENEMY AND THEN AID THE PEASANTS THROUGH POLITICAL AND AGRARIAN REFORMS.

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OTTAWA, DEC.27 (AP)-WILLIAM J. BENNETT, PRESIDENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LTD., SAYS THE POWERFUL REACTOR AT CHALK RIVER, ONT., WILL BE IN OPERATION AGAIN EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. THE PILE WAS DAMAGED BY A LEAK A YEAR AGO.

WHEN THE ATOMIC FURNACE IS REACTIVATED IT WILL BE "HOTTER" THAN BEFORE THE BREAKDOWN. IT ALSO WILL BE FITTED WITH NEW GADGETS, EXPECTED TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF FUTURE LEAKS.

BENNETT, ALSO PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ELDORADO MINING AND REFINING LTD., SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT REPAIR WORK WAS GOVERNED BY THE AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS AND DELIVERY OF NEW EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE REBUILT PILE.

THE REACTOR BROKE DOWN DEC. 12, 1952, WHEN ALUMINUM TUBES, HOLDING WATER USED TO COOL THE ENERGY-PRODUCING URANIUM RODS IN THE PILE, SPRANG LEAKS. THIS ALLOWED RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS, INCLUDING DEADLY GAMMA RAYS, TO ESCAPE. SENSITIVE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IMMEDIATELY RECORDED THE BREAK. ALARM BELLS SOUNDED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT AND THE PILE WAS SHUT DOWN. ALL WORKERS WERE WITHDRAWN UNTIL THE DEGREE OF CONTAMINATION COULD BE DETERMINED.

ALTHOUGH RADIOACTIVITY SPREAD OVER A WIDE AREA OF THE PROJECT IT CAUSED NO MAJOR DAMAGE OUTSIDE THE REACTOR BUILDING. WORKERS WERE NOT AFFECTED BY THE RAYS AND RETURNED TO THEIR JOBS. THERE WAS LITTLE INTERRUPTION IN RESEARCH.

BUT THE BREAKDOWN HALTED PRODUCTION OF ISOTOPES, AND CANADA THIS YEAR WAS FORCED TO IMPORT ISOTOPES WITH A SHORT LIFE, MAINLY FROM THE UNITED STATES. ISOTOPES OF THIS TYPE ARE USED MOSTLY IN MEDICINE.

THE BREAKDOWN ALSO HALTED THE PRODUCTION OF LONG-LIFE ISOTOPES, INCLUDING COBALT FOR THE COBALT BOMB USED IN TREATMENT OF CANCER. HOWEVER, CHALK RIVER HAD A SUPPLY OF COBALT AND OTHER LONG-LIFE ISOTOPES AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, SUFFICIENT TO FILL CURRENT ORDERS. OFFICIALS SAY THE PILE WILL BE BACK IN OPERATION PRODUCING COBALT BY THE TIME PRESENT STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

DECONTAMINATION OF THE PROJECT AREA OUTSIDE THE PILE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. DECONTAMINATION AND DISMANTLING OF THE REACTOR ITSELF CONTINUED UNTIL WELL IN THE SUMMER.

THE JOB WAS FEATURED BY THE REMOVAL IN JUNE OF THE REACTOR'S CALANDRIA--PROBABLY THE BIGGEST RADIOACTIVE OBJECT HANDLED BY MAN. THE CALANDRIA, A 2 1/2-TON ALUMINUM TANK 10 FEET HIGH AND 8 FEET WIDE, HOUSED THE 176 ALUMINUM-SHEATHED URANIUM RODS WHICH PRODUCED THE REACTOR'S ENERGY. IT WAS REMOVED FROM THE REACTOR WITH A HOIST AND BURIED OUTSIDE THE PLANT.

THE DISMANTLING AND REPAIR JOB WAS A MAJOR CANADIAN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT SINCE IT PROVED THAT A DAMAGED REACTOR COULD BE RE-ACTIVATED. IT ALSO PROVED THAT SCIENTISTS, WITH PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT, CAN WORK IN RADIATION FIELDS ONCE THOUGHT TOO STRONG FOR HUMAN SAFETY.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: WILLIAM L. RYAN IS A NATIVE NEW YORKER WHO FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAS MADE AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF PRAVDA AND OTHER RUSSIAN PUBLICATIONS, ANALYZING THEIR CONTENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. HE HAS TRAVELED ALONG THE IRON CURTAIN FROM FINLAND TO IRAN, AND THIS FALL

HE WENT INTO THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF. HE SPENT THREE MONTHS IN MOSCOW AND IN TRAVELING 6,000 MILES TO EIGHT OF THE SOVIET REPUBLICS. BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AND FREE FROM CENSORSHIP, HE NOW WRITES OF THE THINGS HE OBSERVED AND HEARD IN THE U.S.S.R. THIS IS THE FIRST OF SIX ARTICLES TO APPEAR THIS WEEK).

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BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

THE ANGER OF RUSSIAN HOUSEWIVES SET WHEELS IN MOTION IN THE FASTNESSES OF THE KREMLIN ITSELF.

LAST SPRING WAS A BAD TIME FOR POTATOES AND BEETS AND CUCUMBERS TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE CITY'S MARKETS -- JUST AFTER STALIN'S DEATH AND ON THE EDGE OF A STRUGGLE FOR POWER. WHEN THE SECRET POLICE OF LAVRENTY BERIA GRIPPED THE COUNTRY, HOUSEWIFE NATASHA IVANOVNA'S MUTTERED COMMENTS COULD BE IGNORED. BUT STALIN WAS GONE NOW, AND THE SECRET POLICE WERE NO LONGER THE RELIABLE INSTRUMENT OF CONTROL THEY HAD BEEN. SOMETHING NEW WAS HAPPENING. AND THE SOVIET PEOPLE, MORE AND MORE OPENLY, WERE BEGINNING TO SHOW SIGNS OF RESTLESS ANNOYANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV NEEDED EVERY OUNCE OF LOYALTY AND SUPPORT IT COULD MUSTER. AND SO THE NEW CONSUMER PROGRAM WAS BORN, TO PROMISE MORE AND BETTER GOODS FOR THE PUBLIC.

EVEN TODAY, NATASHA IVANOVNA'S ANGER KEEPS LIGHTS BURNING LATE IN COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE SOVIET REPUBLICS.

MOSCOW IS ANGRY AND AMXOUS. THE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM, THE BASIS OF PREMIER MALENKOV'S PROMISE OF BETTER LIVING STANDARDS IN TWO TO THREE YEARS, HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A SLOW AND FALTERING START.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS BUILDING FIRES UNDER ITS PARTY BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE SOVIET EMPIRE, TO GET THE PROGRAM MOVING, TO AVOID FAILURE FOR MOSCOW'S PROMISES. PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE WEARY OF BROKEN PROMISES.

BUT THE JOB AHEAD IS ONE OF APPALLING MAGNITUDE AND DISHEARTENING CONTRADICTIONS.

IN SEPTEMBER PARTY SECRETARY NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV ADMITTED THAT SOME AREAS HAD LIVESTOCK BELOW 1917 LEVELS. THE PARTY DEMANDS A 20 PER CENT INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK BY NEXT OCTOBER. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE PARTY CALLS FOR A 37 PER CENT INCREASE IN MEAT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. CAN EVEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THE SLAUGHTER OF HERDS AND STILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK? CAN IT KILL CALVES AND STILL INCREASE THE OUTPUT OF MILK? CAN IT PRODUCE MORE LEATHER AND MORE HERDS AT THE SAME TIME?

A WESTERN GRICULTURAL EXPERT ESTIMATES, ON THE BASIS OF FIGURES PRSENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, THAT AT LEAST 2 1/2 MILLION HEAD OF CATTLE DIED IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE WINTER OF 1952-53 BECAUSE OF LACK OF FODDER AND SHELTER, OVERCROWDING IN WINTER SHELTER AND DISEASE. HE ESTIMATES THAT THE SAME NUMBER ARE DOOMED THIS WINTER.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION IN A HALF DOZEN SOVIET REPUBLICS INDICATES THE KREMLIN'S TROUBLES ARE FAR FROM OVER IN THIS RESPECT.

IN MOUNTAINOUS KAZAKHSTAN, SWEPT BY ICY WINDS FROM THE SIBERIAN STEPPES, THE FEW ANIMAL SHELTERS ARE FANTASTICALLY BAD AND FODDER BASES INADEQUATE.

THE LIVESTOCK-FODDER PROGRAM ALREADY SEEMS TO BE FALLING BEHIND, TO THE CONCERN OF THE CENTRAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT.

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RECENTLY LEADING AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, FARM CHAIRMEN, MACHINE SPECIALISTS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND "GUESTS" FROM MOSCOW WERE CALLED INTO CONFERENCE IN ALMA ATA, KAZAKHSTAN'S CAPITAL, TO HEAR THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION GET A THOROUGH GOING OVER.

THEY WERE TOLD THE NUMBER OF HEAD OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND GOATS, FAR FROM INCREASING, HAD DECREASED SINCE 1940. SO DID THE MILK YIELD AND THE WOOL YIELD. THEY WERE TOLD THAT ALTHOUGH ALMOST 30 MILLION ACRES OF GRASS WAS MOWN FOR HAY THIS YEAR, ONLY 2.3 PER CENT OF IT WAS STACKED.

MACHINE TRACTOR STATION SPECIALISTS WERE LAMBASTED FOR POOR USE OF TECHNICAL FACILITIES, FOR VIOLATING THEIR CONTRACTS WITH COLLECTIVE FARMS, FOR SLOW PROGRESS OF MECHANIZATION.

IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN TASHKENT, CAPITAL OF AGRICULTURAL UZBEKSTAN, A CHART SHOWS THAT THE NUMBER OF DAIRY CATTLE IN THAT REPUBLIC IS STILL BELOW THE PRE-WAR LEVEL. IN COTTON-GROWING TADJIKISTAN, LABORIOUS MANUAL LABOR METHODS ARE STILL PREDOMINANT, THOUGH MECHANIZATION HAS BEEN PROMISED OVER AND OVER.

ONLY AS ONE TRAVELS WESTWARD ALONG THE FERTILE BLACK SEA COAST OF GEORGIA, ALONG THE DON RIVER AND INTO THE UKRAINE, DOES FARMING BEGIN TO LOOK EFFICIENT. THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO IN THE REPUBLICS OF CENTRAL ASIA AND MUCH OF GREAT RUSSIA. EVEN WHERE FARMING IS BETTER ON THE WHOLE, TRANSPORT IS SO BAD -- AND THIS IS TRUE OF MOST SOVIET AGRICULTURAL AREAS--THAT MUCH WASTE IS ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING PRODUCE TO MARKET.

THE PARTY, FACED NOW WITH MALENKOV'S BROAD PROMISES, IS ALMOST BESIDE ITSELF IN THE FFORT TO GET THE PROGRAM ROLLING. THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK, BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SO WIDELY ADVERTISED. ONE CAN SEE IT ON BILLBOARDS AND IN THE PRESS, HEAR ABOUT IT CONSTANTLY ON THE RADIO AND BLASTING INTO THE STREETS FROM LOUDSPEAKERS.

THERE ARE MONUMENTAL PROBLEMS--SHORTAGES IN MANPOWER, LABOR-SAVING MACHINES, FERTILIZERS AND ANIMAL FODDERS. THERE IS THE GREAT MACHINERY BOTTLENECK. FOR EXAMPLE, THE KRASNOYAR PLANT FOR SELF-PROPELLED COMBINES MET ONLY 30 PER CENT OF ITS GOAL IN SEPTEMBER.

SOMETHING HAS HAD TO GIVE WAY. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT IS LOATHE TO SLOW DOWN ITS HEAVY INDUSTRY PROGRAM, IT HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR MANPOWER BY HAALTING THE "VELIKY STROIKY"--GREAT PROJECTS--SO DEAR TO STALIN'S HEART. IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE TURKMEN CANAL PROJECT HAS BEEN STOPPED. OTHER BIG LABOR-CONSUMING PROGRAMS ALSO ARE PROBABLY DUE TO BE HALTED.

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TOMORROW: HOW A WORKER MAKES ENDS MEET.

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ADVANCE FOR AMS OF MONDAY, DEC. 28

BY EDWARD CURTIS

(ADVANCE)...NEW YORK, DEC. 27 (AP)-HOW EFFECTIVE HAS BEEN SEN. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY'S PROBE OF ALLEGED ESPIONAGE IN THE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS RADAR LABORATORIES AT FT. MONMOUTH, N. J.?

MCCARTHY'S CRITICS SAY NO ACTUAL SPYING CHARGE AGAINST ANY IMPLICATED EMPLOYE HAS RESULTED FROM THE PROBE BY HIS SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

THEY ALSO ASSERT HIS INVESTIGATION HAS WRECKED MORALE AND CRIPPLED WORK IN THE LABORATORIES, A KEY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION'S CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENSE NETWORK.

"NO CHARGE OF ACTUAL ESPIONAGE OR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN MADE AGAINST ANY OF THE X X X IMPLICATED EMPLOYES," DECLARED THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING TOP ATOMIC RESEARCHERS.

"INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE CHARACTERIZED LARGELY BY SENSATIONAL HEADLINES AND WHOLESALE SUSPENSIONS CAN, BY CRIPPLING OUR DEFENSE RESEARCH, ACTUALLY RESULT IN A NET GAIN FOR THOSE WHO WORK AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

ARMY SECRETARY STEVENS SAID MIDWAY IN THE MCCARTHY PROBE THE ARMY HAD SUSPENDED 33 EMPLOYES--MANY BEFORE MCCARTHY'S PROBE BEGAN--AND REINSTATED A NUMBER OF THEM.

NONE OF THE 33, SAID STEVENS, WAS SUSPECTED OF SPYING.

THE WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN HAS REPLIED IT ISN'T HIS JOB TO PROVE ESPIONAGE. HE ADDED:

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"WE FEEL IT IS SUFFICIENT TO PROVE ESPIONAGE--POTENTIAL ESPIONAGE--TO A SUFFICIENT DEGREE SO AS TO CONVINCE THE SECURITY OFFICERS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS..."

MCCARTHY SAID HE CAN'T GUARANTEE ANY COMMUNISTS WILL BE CONVICTED OF HIS ESPIONAGE CHARGES, BUT HE PROMISED "SOME WILL GO TO JAIL FOR EITHER PERJURY OR CONTEMPT."

THE FT. MONMOUTH SITUATION CAME TO LIGHT OCT. 9 WITH A REPORT THE ARMY HAD SUSPENDED SOME CIVILIAN EMPLOYES.

MCCARTHY WAS HONEYMOONING IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIES. HE FLEW BACK AND BEGAN CLOSED HEARINGS THE NEXT WEEK. HE DECLARED HE HAD TURNED UP INDICATIONS OF "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS ESPIONAGE" AT FT. MONMOUTH AND POSSIBLY THROUGHOUT THE SIGNAL CORPS.

IT WAS DAYS BEFORE THE ARMY FINALLY ADMITTED 33 HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AS LOYALTY RISKS AT THE FT. MONMOUTH LABORATORIES. MANY OF THE SUSPENSIONS WERE BEFORE MCCARTHY ENTERED THE PICTURE.

OF THE 33, THE ARMY NOTIFIED 18 OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM AND REINSTATED 12. THE STATUS OF THE OTHER THREE WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

A MONTH AFTER THE PROBE BEGAN, STEVENS DECLARED NONE WAS SUSPECTED OF ESPIONAGE. HE SAID MCCARTHY'S INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN HELPFUL, BUT ADDED THE ARMY HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING ON ITS OWN FOR A LONG TIME.

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MCCARTHY SAID EVIDENCE GATHERED IN CLOSED HEARINGS INDICATED A SPY RING HAD FUNCTIONED AT FT. MONMOUTH AND "ELSEWHERE" FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME AFTER WORLD WAR II.

THE SENATOR SAID HE BELIEVED EXECUTED ATOM SPY JULIUS ROSENBERG, A ONE TIME EMPLOYE OF THE SIGNAL CORPS, HAD DEALT IN RADAR AS WELL AS ATOM SECRETS.

ONE UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN WITNESS, HE SAID, "ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE IN THE SIGNAL CORPS AT FT. MONMOUTH." HE DECLARED A KNOWN COMMUNIST AGENT HAD BEEN MAKING FREQUENT TELEPHONE CALLS TO FT. MONMOUTH.

THE SENATOR ALSO DECLARED HE HAD INFORMATION THAT AMERICAN RADAR ADVANCES, SOME RELATING TO 1947 DEVELOPMENTS, HAD REACHED SOVIET SCIENTISTS.

WHEN TOLD THAT STEVENS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND "ANY CURRENT CASE" RELATING TO ESPIONAGE, MCCARTHY SAID: "I'LL LET THE HEARINGS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. SO FAR I HAVEN'T TRIED TO EVALUATE THE TESTIMONY. . ."

STEVENS SAID ROSENBERG NEVER WORKED AT THE LABORATORIES BUT WAS KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED FT. MONMOUTH AND TO HAVE TRIED TO SET UP CONTACTS THERE. AS FOR ANY STOLEN RADAR SECRETS REACHING RUSSIA, STEVENS SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW.

MCCARTHY DECIDED TO HOLD OPEN HEARINGS TO LAY HIS EVIDENCE BEFORE THE PUBLIC. THREE SERIES OF THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD, TWO IN NEW YORK AND ONE IN WASHINGTON, BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MORE THAN 30 WITNESSES WERE HEARD. ONLY ONE OF THEM WAS A SUSPENDED FT. MONMOUTH EMPLOYE, AND HE VIGOROUSLY DENIED ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. THE REMAINDER WERE FORMER EMPLOYES OF YEARS PAST OR LINKED IN SOME WAY WITH ARMY SIGNAL CORPS WORK.

TWENTY-ONE TOOK REFUGE BEHIND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT, REFUSING TO ANSWER SOME OR ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING ESPIONAGE, COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION ON THE GROUNDS THEY MIGHT INCRIMINATE THEMSELVES.

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MCCARTHY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT SEVEN BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT.

HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MIGHT LOOK INTO PROSECUTING ONE WITNESS UNDER THE SMITH ACT PROVISION MAKING IT A CRIME TO HELP ORGANIZE ANY GROUP WHOSE AIM IS VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HE DEMANDED A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF THE SUSPENDED FT. MONMOUTH EMPLOYE.

AT THE FIRST NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING, MCCARTHY READ INTO THE RECORD A SWORN STATEMENT FROM ATOM SPY DAVID GREENGLASS, NOW SERVING 15 YEARS IN LEWISBURG, PA., FEDERAL PENITENTIARY.

GREENGLASS DECLARED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, ROSENBERG, WAS THE MASTERMIND OF A RADAR SPY RING WHOSE OPERATIONS "COULD VERY POSSIBLY BE CONTINUING TO THIS VERY DAY."

MCCARTHY WAS FACED WITH WITNESS AFTER WITNESS WHO REFUSED TO TESTIFY ON THE GROUND OF POSSIBLE SELF INCRIMINATION.

THE SENATOR DENOUNCED HARRY A. HYMAN AS "THE MOST ACTIVE COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE AGENT THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS UNCOVERED TO DATE."

HYMAN WORKED FROM 1943 TO 1951 AT THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LABORATORIES IN NUTLEY, N. J., WHICH DOES CLASSIFIED WORK FOR THE SIGNAL CORPS.

HYMAN REFUSED TO ANSWER A LONG LIST OF QUESTIONS, MANY DEALING WITH TELEPHONE CALLS OR PERSONAL CONFERENCES AT SIGNAL CORPS INSTALLATIONS OR DEFENSE PLANTS.

MCCARTHY SAID HE WOULD SEEK A CONTEMPT CITATION AGAINST HYMAN, AND SUGGESTED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO POSSIBLE PROSECUTION UNDER THE SMITH ACT.

A FEW DAYS LATER A RETIRED BRIGADIER GENERAL, TELFORD TAYLOR, SAID IN A TALK TO A WEST POINT GROUP THAT MCCARTHY'S PROBE WAS "CALCULATED TO CREATE PANIC, DESTROY PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND UNDERMINE MILITARY MORALE."

IN WASHINGTON FOR FOUR STORMY DAYS OF HEARINGS, MCCARTHY REPLIED HE HAD LEARNED TAYLOR'S GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL FILE BEARS A "FLAG," WARNING IT CONTAINS "UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS OF LOYALTY."

THE SENATOR SAID HE WOULD CALL TAYLOR TO TESTIFY. TAYLOR, FORMER CHIEF U.S. PROSECUTOR DURING THE NEURNBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS AND NOW A NEW YORK LAWYER, SAID HE WAS READY TO DEFEND HIS LOYALTY.

THE SINGLE FT. MONMOUTH SUSPENDED EMPLOYE TO TESTIFY SO FAR IN PUBLIC HEARINGS, AARON H. COLEMAN, DENIED HE HAD ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE. HE ADMITTED HE CARRIED HOME SECRET RADAR DOCUMENTS TO STUDY AND WAS REPRIMANDED BY THE ARMY. BUT HE SAID THE ARMY PRAISED HIM FOR LOYAL SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME.

COLEMAN WAS SUSPENDED LAST SEPTEMBER BEFORE MCCARTHY BEGAN HIS INVESTIGATION.

MCCARTHY SAID HE WOULD ASK A GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER COLEMAN HAD VIOLATED ESPIONAGE LAWS OR LIED UNDER OATH.

ANOTHER WITNESS, HENRY NATHAN SHOIKET WAS EJECTED FROM THE HEARING. HE CITED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. THEN HE SHOUTED A DENIAL OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY ABOUT WHICH HE HAD NOT BEEN ASKED.

ANOTHER DRAWING MCCARTHY'S WRATH WAS ALBERT SHADOWITZ, AN ENGINEER FORMERLY WORKING FOR A PLANT DOING SENSITIVE WORK FOR THE SIGNAL CORPS.

SHADOWITZ DECLARED HE KNEW NOTHING OF ESPIONAGE. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPYING OR COMMUNISM, SAYING HE WAS ACTING ON THE PERSONAL ADVICE OF WORLD-FAMED SCIENTIST ALBERT EINSTEIN.

ANOTHER WAS LEONARD C. MINS, WHO REFUSED TO ANSWER ESPIONAGE AND COMMUNISM QUESTIONS BY SAYING "NO PERSON SHALL BE COMPELLED TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIMSELF." MCCARTHY DECLARED HE HAD INFORMATION THAT MINS, AS OF TWO WEEKS BEFORE HIS APPEARANCE, WAS PART OF THE COMMUNIST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

MINS ENLIVENED THE HEARING BY SPOUTING QUOTATIONS FROM LATIN CLASSICS, THEN GIVING NEWSMEN THE TRANSLATIONS.

MCCARTHY TOLD ANOTHER WITNESS, MRS. RUTH WEINER LEVINE, HE KNEW SHE WAS A COMMUNIST. MRS. LEVINE HAD RESIGNED FROM HER DEFENSE PLANT JOB AFTER BEING SUBPOENAED. SHE HAD BEEN CLEARED TO HANDLE TOP SECRET MATERIAL.

MCCARTHY ASKED HER TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI IN FERRETING OUT MEMBERS OF "THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY STILL WORKING." SHE ASKED FOR A FEW DAYS TO THINK IT OVER.

IRA J. KATCHEN, AN ATTORNEY FOR 12 OF THE SUSPENDED FT. MONMOUTH EMPLOYES, DECLARED OCT. 9 "THERE ISN'T A COMMIE IN THE CARLOAD."

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HE SAID SIX HAVE BEEN "KEPT IN THE DARK AND ON THE HOOK IN THIS MATTER FOR TWO YEARS."

HARRY GREEN, ATTORNEY FOR OTHER SUSPENDED EMPLOYES, SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE DESIRE OF THE 1ST ARMY SECURITY BOARD "TO HONESTLY SEARCH FOR TRUTH" IN A SEPARATE HEARING ON THE SUSPENSIONS.

"THE ARMY IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IS TRYING TO DO JUSTICE TO THESE MEN, PARTICULARLY IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF HYSTERIA THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BY OTHER AGENCIES," SAID GREEN.

ON DEC. 7, THE BOARD POSTPONED INDEFINITELY ITS LOYALTY HEARINGS. IT GAVE NO REASON. THE HEARINGS ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO LAST THREE MONTHS.

AFTER WEEKS OF THE FT. MONMOUTH PROBE, MCCARTHY TURNED HIS SPOTLIGHT ON GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE AT ROME, N. Y., WHERE, HE SAID, AT LEAST 12 EMPLOYES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AS LOYALTY OR SECURITY RISKS.

THE BASE IS AN OFFSHOOT OF FT. MONMOUTH.

THE BASE COMMANDER, BRIG. GEN. DANIEL E. DOUBLEDAY, DECLARED "ANY SUSPENSIONS WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MCCARTHY INVESTIGATION."

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DEFENSE PRODUCTION

(ADVANCE)-WASHINGTON, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE SENATE-HOUSE "WATCHDOG" COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION REPORTED TODAY THAT THE PARTIAL MOBILIZATION GOAL SET MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO HAS BEEN "SUBSTANTIALLY ACHIEVED." BUT IT SAID THE BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN SOME CASES REMAIN DELICATE.

"PROGRESS IN THE PROGRAMS TO EXPAND BASIC INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY AND SUPPLIES OF MATERIALS HAS BEEN SUCH," THE COMMITTEE REPORTED, "THAT THE NATION IS NOW ABLE TO SUSTAIN MILITARY PRODUCTION AT CURRENT PEAK LEVELS WITH LITTLE STRAIN ON THE ECONOMY OR DISLOCATION OF CIVILIAN MARKETS."

ASSERTING THAT "SERIOUS SHORTAGES OF THE MOST CRITICAL MATERIALS ARE CONTINUING," THE REPORT ADDED:

"THESE THIN AREAS IN THE NATION'S PRODUCTION POTENTIAL ARE CAUSING DIFFICULTY AND DELAYS IN SUCH TOP PRIORITY PROGRAMS AS ATOMIC ENERGY POWER PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT FOR THE STOCKPILE."

THE COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY SEN.CAPEHART (R-IND).

SHOULD FULL MOBILIZATION REPLACE THE PRESENT PARTIAL PROGRAM, THE REPORT SAID, LACK OF SOME CRITICAL MATERIALS "WOULD PLACE LIMITATIONS ON OUR TOTAL PRODUCTIVE EFFORT."

THE STOCKPILE PROGRAM, THE JOINT COMMITTEE SAID, INVOLVES 76 MATERIALS. GOALS HAVE BEEN REACHED FOR 23 OF THESE, NINE OTHERS ARE MORE THAN 90 PER CENT COMPLETE AND AN ADDITIONAL 20 ARE BEYOND THE HALFWAY POINT. THAT LEAVES 24 ON WHICH PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL HAS STILL NOT REACHED 50 PER CENT.

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING, DEFENSE MOBILIZER, EARLY THIS WEEK ANNOUNCED A STEPPED-UP DRIVE TO MEET STOCKPILE TARGETS FOR 29 CRITICAL MATERIALS WHICH HE SAID WERE SUBSTANTIALLY BEHIND SCHEDULE. THE NEW DIRECTIVE SET UP SPECIAL MACHINERY TO RAISE OUTPUT OF TITANIUM, THE MIRACLE, LIGHT-WEIGHT METAL NEEDED FOR HIGH-ALTITUDE, FASTER-THAN-SOUND MILITARY AIRCRAFT. AND IT ORDERED QUICK STOCKPILE ACTION ON ZINC, COPPER, ALUMINUM, RUBBER, CHROMITE, COBALT, MOLYBDENUM, NICKEL AND 21 OTHER SCARCE MATERIALS.

THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LISTED DIAMOND GRIDING WHEELS AND THESE ALLOYING MATERIALS AS THE SCARCEST: CHROMIUM, COBALT, COLUMBIUM-TANTALUM, MOLYBDENUM AND NICKEL.

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AS FOR PRODUCTION OF WAR MATERIAL, THE REPORT SAID SOME MUNITIONS CAPACITY IS NOW "IN EXCESS OF CURRENT NEEDS" WHICH HAS LED TO SHIFT OF EMPHASIS IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT. IT ADDED:

"THIS SHIFT IN EMPHASIS IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT, WITH A PHASING OUT OF OLDER MODELS AND CLOSING OUT OF SECONDARY FACILITIES IN FAVOR OF PRIME PRODUCERS, RAISES THE PROBLEM OF LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL CAPACITY FOR FULL MOBILIZATION READINESS."

PRIVATE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, THE REPORT SAID, HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP FROM A PRE-KOREA RATE OF 19 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO MORE THAN 27 BILLIONS FOR 1953. THIS PLANT EXPANSION, THE REPORT SAID, WAS ACCOMPLISHED "WITH MINOR PUBLIC FUND EXPENDITURES." GOVERNMENT AID WAS MOSTLY AVAILABLE THROUGH TAX INCENTIVES AND LOANS.

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ALASKA PROBES (200)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 27 (AP)-TWO SENATE SLEUTHS HAVE RETURNED FROM ALASKA WITH BRIEFCASES FULL OF DATA FOR TWIN INVESTIGATIONS PLANNED INTO ALLEGATIONS OF WASTE AND IMPROPER SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE TWO, CARMINE BELLINO AND HERBERT HAWKINS, MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WHO MADE THE STUDY, DECLINED TO DISCUSS THEIR MISSION WITH REPORTERS. BUT REPORTS FROM ALASKA SAID THEY HAD SPENT WEEKS STUDYING SECURITY MATTERS AND THE REASONS BEHIND FEDERAL AID EXTENDED TO SOME PRIVATELY-OWNED MINING PROPERTIES THERE.

SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS), THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, IS OUT OF THE CITY, AND STAFF MEMBERS DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HIS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD SWITCH FROM ITS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED ESPIONAGE AT FT. MONMOUTH, N.J., TO LOOK INTO ALASKAN MATTERS.

MCCARTHY HIMSELF HAS SAID HIS SUBCOMMITTEE WAS LOOKING INTO "CONDITIONS" IN ALASKA, BUT HAS DECLINED TO ELABORATE BEFORE RECEIVING DETAILED REPORTS FROM BELLINO AND HAWKINS.

BELLINO'S ORIGINAL ANNOUNCED ASSIGNMENT WAS TO CHECK ON WHAT MCCARTHY TERMED "ALLEGED WASTE" IN A WIDE FIELD OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN ALASKA. HAWKINS WAS SENT TO ALASKA LATER TO HELP BELLINO STUDY SECURITY MATTERS.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 27 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE IS REMODELING "A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER" OF GIANT B36 BOMBERS TO CARRY SUPERSONIC FIGHTER-BOMBERS BEARING ATOMIC BOMBS, THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED TONIGHT.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID CONSOLIDATED-VULTEE'S FORT WORTH, TEX., PLANT HAD BEEN GIVEN AN ORDER TO MODIFY THE LONG-RANGE B36S TO CARRY PARASITE F84 THUNDERSTREAKS. IT ADDED THAT NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLAN HAS BEEN MADE.

THE POST SAID THE TRANSFORMATION WAS SEEN AS OPENING NEW VISTAS OF BOMBING TECHNIQUE AND PROLONGING FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE USEFULNESS OF THE ONCE CONTROVERSIAL AND NOW OUTMODED B36S.

IT ALSO SAID LT. GEN. LAURENCE C. CRAIGIE, AIR FORCE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR DEVELOPMENT, REPORTED IN A SPEECH RECENTLY THAT THE AIR FORCE WAS MODIFYING "ONE OF ITS HEAVY BOMBERS" TO CARRY FASTER-THAN-SOUND FIGHTER-BOMBERS. BUT THE AIR FORCE WOULD REVEAL NO DETAILS AT THAT TIME.

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NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS (800)
BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANMUNJOM, TUESDAY, DEC 29 (AP)-TWO VERSIONS OF HOW PRISONER EXPLANATIONS WERE WRECKED, ONE BLAMING SOUTH KOREA, THE OTHER THE COMMUNISTS, WERE STUDIED TODAY BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND RED COMMANDS.
AUTHORITATIVE OBSERVERS HERE EXPECTED THE REPORTS BY THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION TO:
1. MAKE NO CHANGE IN THE U.N. COMMAND'S STAND THAT THE EXPLANATIONS ARE OVER.
2. STEP UP RED DEMANDS THAT THE EXPLANATIONS BE RESUMED.
3. DRAW NEW FIRE FROM THE SOUTH KOREA GOVERNMENT AT INDIA, WHOSE OFFICIALS HEADED UP SUPERVISION OF THE EXPLANATIONS AND GUARDED THE PRISONERS.
IN SEOUL, FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI ACCUSED INDIA OF BEING PRO-COMMUNIST FOR JOINING WITH POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THE MAJORITY REPORT.
"IT IS VERY INTERESTING THAT THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN SIDED WITH THE COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION," PYUN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE. "WE ARE NOT SURPRISED BECAUSE WE KNOW INDIA WILL SIDE WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES."
THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW FULLY WHAT WENT ON IN PRISONER COMPOUNDS BUT ADDED, "I DO NOT THINK THE COMMUNIST CHARGES ARE FULLY FOUNDED."
HE SAID ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION MUST BE RELEASED ON JAN. 22.
THE BREAKDOWN OF EXPLANATIONS TO MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS REFUSING TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM WAS BLAMED ON SOUTH KOREA IN A MAJORITY REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.
CHAIRMAN INDIA AND DELEGATES OF COMMUNIST POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREED THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT A GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN SEOUL, DIRECTED BY SOUTH KOREA'S PROVOST MARSHAL, CONTROLLED ALL 55 COMPOUNDS HOUSING ANTI-RED PRISONERS.
SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND IN A MINORITY REPORT BLAMED TACTICS OF THE RED EXPLANATION TEAMS, PARTICULARLY IN DRAGGING OUT INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS FOR AS MUCH AS FIVE HOURS.
BOTH REPORTS, RELEASED YESTERDAY, WOUND UP BY REFERRING THE PROBLEM OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE PRISONERS BACK TO THE OPPOSING COMMANDS FOR "CONSIDERATION."
THE U.N. COMMAND WAS NOT EXPECTED TO DEVIATE FROM ITS FIRM STAND THAT THE 90-DAY PERIOD FOR EXPLANATIONS ENDED DEC. 23 AND THAT UNLESS A POLITICAL CONVENTION CAN BE CONVENED AND DEAL WITH THE PRISONERS BY JAN. 22 THEY MUST BE RELEASED TO CIVILIAN STATUS.
AN INDIAN COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAID IF THE TWO SIDES CAN REACH NO AGREEMENT BY JAN. 22 ON THE PRISONERS "WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHT TO HOLD THEM." HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THE MATTER MIGHT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION AND THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
THE REDSC COULD BE EXPECTED TO USE THE MAJORITY REPORT IN SUPPORT OF DEMANDS THAT THE EXPLANATIONS BE RESUMED UNTIL 90 DAYS OF ACTUAL INTERVIEWS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THEY INSIST THAT "AGENTS" OF SOUTH KOREA AND NATIONALIST CHINA IN THE ANTI-RED COMPOUNDS PREVENTED COMMUNIST TEAMS FROM MAKING EXPLANATIONS EXCEPT ON 10 DAYS.
THE REDS GOT BACKING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT WHICH CONCLUDED THAT NOT EVEN THE FEW PRISONERS WHO DID SHOW UP FOR THE EXPLANATIONS "WERE COMPLETELY FREED FROM FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE."
THE REPORT ASSERTED THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN SEOUL UNDER CONTROL OF SOUTH KOREA'S PROVOST MARSHAL WAS LINKED WITH FOUR BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS CONTROLLING SIX PRISONER ENCLOSURES AND THAT THESE BRANCHES REACHED OUT UNTIL THEY TOOK IN ALL 55 COMPOUNDS.
"THE 64TH UNITED NATIONS FIELD HOSPITAL CONSTITUTED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LINK IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM," THE REPORT SAID.
SUCH CHARGES UNDOUBTEDLY WILL NETTLE PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE, WHO FOR MONTHS HAS CARRIED ON A LIVELY FEUD WITH THE INDIANS.
NOWHERE IN THE MAJORITY REPORT WAS THERE ANY REFERENCE TO THE SLOW-DOWN TACTICS OF THE RED EXPLANATION TEAMS. BUT THE MINORITY REPORT OF THE SWISS AND SWEDES EMPHASIZED IT.
THE MINORITY REPORT CRITICIZED "CONDUCT OF EXPLANATIONS BY THE (COMMUNIST) EXPLAINING SIDE," ADDING:
"OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN THIS RESPECT WAS THE SLOWING DOWN OF EXPLANATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN CAMP PRACTICED BY THE EXPLAINING SIDE FROM 4 NOVEMBER."

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THE SWISS AND SWEDES CONCLUDED THAT IF THE RED TEAMS "HAD ACCEPTED TO CONDUCT EXPLANATIONS ACCORDING TO THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION...EXPLANATIONS COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT EVERY DAY AFTER 15 OCTOBER."
RED EXPLANATION TEAMS, AFTER WINNING BACK LESS THAN 3 PER CENT OF THE FIRST GROUPS INTERVIEWED, BEGAN DRAGGING OUT THE INDIVIDUAL TALKS, IN SOME CASES UP TO FIVE HOURS. IN THAT WAY, LESS THAN 500 PRISONERS CALLED OUT FOR ONE DAY WERE INTERVIEWED. THEN THE REDS DEMANDED THAT THE LEFTOVER BE SEGREGATED AND CALLED BACK THE NEXT DAY.
INDIAN CUSTODIAL FORCES SAID THERE WERE NO FACILITIES FOR SUCH SEGREGATION. THE LEFTOVER PRISONERS, ONCE BACK IN THEIR COMPOUND, REFUSED TO COME OUT THE NEXT DAY. SO, AFTER SEVEN DAYS OF INTERVIEWS, THE REDS INTERRUPTED THE EXPALANATIONS UNTIL THREE DAYS BEFORE DEC. 23.
DURING THOSE LAST THREE DAYS, THE REDS ABRUPTLY SWITCHED TO ANOTHER COMPOUND; THE PRISONERS CAME OUT WILLINGLY; AND THE REDS BUILT UP THE NUMBER WON BACK TO MORE THAN 4 PER CENT.
THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID PRISONERS IN THE PRO-RED CAMP, INCLUDING 23 AMERICANS, APPEARED "WELL DISCIPLINED" BUT THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THEIR FORMER RED CAPTORS KEPT IN CONTACT WITH THEM. IT NOTED THAT THE FEW IN IT WHO WERE REPATRIATED--1 AMERICAN AND 7 SOUTH KOREANS--"DID SO BY ESCAPING."
THE MINORITY REPORT SAID THE ATTITUDES OF PRISONERS IN BOTH CAMPS WERE "INFLUENCED AND COORDINATED BY ORGANIZATIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE." THE MINORITY REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT "ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND EVEN MURDERS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED" IN THE ANTI-RED COMPOUNDS.
THE REDS HAVE CHARGED THAT AT LEAST 19 PRISONERS WERE SLAIN IN THE ANTI-RED COMPOUND BECAUSE THEY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO ASK REPATRIATION.
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POWS (900)
BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANMUNJOM, DEC. 28 (AP)-A THREE-MEMBER MAJORITY OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION TODAY TURNED BACK TO THE U.N. AND COMMUNIST COMMANDS THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH MORE THAN 22,000 WAR PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO HOME.
AN INDIAN COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE TWO COMMANDS REACH NO AGREEMENT BY JAN. 22 "WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHT TO HOLD THEM (THE PRISONERS)."
THE MAJORITY REPORT WAS SIGNED BY THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN AND BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND.
SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN FILED A MINORITY REPORT SAYING IT WAS "APPROPRIATE" TO REFER THE PRISONER PROBLEM BACK TO THE TWO COMMANDS. BUT THE SWISS AND SWEDES SAID THEY COULD SEE NO REASON FOR A FORMAL REPORT AT THIS TIME. THEY REFUSED TO SIGN THE 44-PAGE MAJORITY DOCUMENT

WHICH ALSO CHARGED SOUTH KOREAN INTERFERENCE IN ANTI-COMMUNIST COMPOUNDS AND CRITICIZED THE U.N. COMMAND.

OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID THERE WAS LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THE MAJORITY REPORT WOULD LEAD TO SETTLEMENT OF THE BITTER PRISONER DISPUTE.

THE ALLIES HOLD THAT THE ARMISTICE PROVIDES SPECIFICALLY THAT UNREPATRIATED PRISONERS BE FREED AS CIVILIANS 30 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF A 90-DAY PERIOD FOR EXPLANATIONS. THAT WOULD MEAN THE PRISONERS MUST BE FREED JAN. 22.

THE COMMUNISTS JUST AS FIRMLY CONTEND THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO 90 DAYS OF ACTUAL EXPLANATIONS RATHER THAN A 90-DAY PERIOD WHICH ENDED DEC. 23. THEY HAVE USED 10 DAYS. THE REDS ALSO INSIST THAT THE PRISONERS REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING ACTION BY THE PEACE CONFERENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHEN A CONFERENCE IS CONVENED.

IN ADDITION TO TURNING THE PRISONER QUESTION BACK TO THE TWO COMMANDS, THE MAJORITY REPORT SAID:

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1. A SECRET SOUTH KOREAN HEADQUARTERS IN SEOUL REACHED INTO ALL 55 COMPOUNDS OF THE SOUTH CAMP HOLDING ANTI-COMMUNIST KOREANS AND CHINESE AND EXERCISED A POWERFUL INFLUENCE OVER THE PRISONERS.

2. SOUTH CAMP COMPOUND LEADERS USED "COERCIVE METHODS" AND "ACTS OF VIOLENCE WERE COMMITTED AGAINST PRISONERS WANTING TO GO HOME."

3. THE COMMISSION COULD "FIND NO EVIDENCE" OF SUCH A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION IN THE NORTH CAMP HOUSING AMERICANS, SOUTH KOREANS AND ONE BRITON--ALTHOUGH PRISONERS THERE SEEMED "UNDER STRONG DISCIPLINE."

4. THE COMMISSION COULD NOT SAY THAT EVEN THE PRISONERS WHO WENT THROUGH THE EXPLANATION TENTS WERE "COMPLETELY FREED OF FORCE OR THREATS OF FORCE."

5. BOTH COMMANDS WERE ENTITLED TO HOLD EXPLANATIONS "FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS"--A STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN TO MEAN WHAT THE ALLIES CLAIM IT TO MEAN: THE 90 DAY PERIOD ENDED DEC. 23. (A FOOTNOTE SIGNED ONLY BY THE CZECH AND POLISH DELEGATES CONTENDED THE COMMUNISTS ARE ENTITLED TO 90 DAYS OF ACTUAL EXPLANATIONS.

THERE WAS NO STATEMENT THAT THE INDIANS WOULD SCREEN PRISONERS NOT YET INTERVIEWED. THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH A STEP WOULD DEPEND ON REACTION OF THE TWO COMMANDS TO THE REPORT.

THE COMBINED REPORT TOTALED 44 PAGES FOR THE MAJORITY, 23 PAGES FOR THE MINORITY, PLUS COVER LETTERS FROM INDIAN LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, AND OTHER MEMBERS. THE TYPED MANUSCRIPTS WEIGHTED MORE THAN ONE POUND.

THIMAYYA SAID IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE REPORT "I . . . EXPRESS A HOPE SHARED BY ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION THAT YOUR COMMAND WILL GIVE EARNEST CONSIDERATION TO THE PROBLEM OF DISPOSITION OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES EMBODIED IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (OF THE ARMISTICE.)

"THE COMMISSION WILL THEREFORE AWAIT WITH INTEREST YOUR COMMENTS ON THE REPORT."

SWEDISH GEN. JAN STENSTROM SAID IN HIS LETTER "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE AN IMPARTIAL CHOICE BETWEEN THE EXISTING FACTS AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THROUGH SUCH A (MAJORITY) REPORT TO AVOID BLAMING ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER."

THE CZECH DELEGATE SAID THE MAJORITY REPORT FAILED TO SHOW "CLEARLY ENOUGH" THAT THE U.N. COMMAND SENT ITS PRISONERS INTO NEUTRAL CUSTODY AS AN ORGANIZED GROUP AND THAT THIS ORGANIZATION PREVENTED PRISONERS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO ASK REPATRIATION.

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THE CHARGE IN THE MAJORITY REPORT OF SOUTH KOREAN INTERFERENCE IN THE SOUTH CAMP SEEMED CERTAIN TO PROVIDE FUEL FOR MORE COMMUNIST ACCUSATIONS THAT THE EXPLANATIONS WERE SABOTAGED.

FOR WEEKS PEIPING AND PYONGYANG RADIOS HAVE BROADCAST CHARGES THAT ALLIED SPECIAL AGENTS LED A REIGN OF TERROR IN THE SOUTH CAMP COMPOUNDS AND BLOCKED THE EXPLANATION WORK.

ALLIED OFFICERS HAVE CONTENDED THAT THE REDS HAD PIPELINES INTO THE NORTH CAMP.

MOST OF THE MINORITY REPORT WAS A HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE EXPLANATIONS.

AT THE END OF FOUR PAGES OF "CONCLUSIONS" THE MAJORITY REPORT STATED:

"UNDER PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (OF THE ARMISTICE) AN OBLIGATION IS CAST ON THE COMMISSION THAT 'AT THE EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS...' THE QUESTION OF DISPOSITION OF PRISONERS OF WAR WHO HAVE NOT EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO BE REPATRIATED SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED TO BE CONVENED IN PARAGRAPH 60, DRAFT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT...'

"SUCH A POLITICAL CONFERENCE HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. CONSEQUENTLY THE COMMISSION CANNOT SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THEIR DISPOSITION TO THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE AND IS THEREFORE OBLIGED TO REFER THE ENTIRE MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TWO COMMANDS IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION."

WHILE REPORTING THE EXISTENCE OF SOUTH KOREAN INFLUENCE INSIDE THE COMPOUNDS, THE MAJORITY REPORT PLACED NO RESPONSIBILITY ON INDIAN GUARDS FOR IDENTIFYING "SPECIAL OR SECRET AGENTS" OR ROOTING OUT TROUBLEMAKERS.

THE REPORT SAID THAT WHILE THE INDIAN DELEGATION SYMPATHIZED WITH THE OPINION OF CZECH AND POLISH DELEGATES IT FELT "THAT THE RESOURCES AT THE COMMAND OF THE CUSTODIAN FORCE INDIA WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO SECURE BOTH THE CUSTODY OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR AS WELL AS TO COPE WITH THE RESISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE OFFERED..."

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SEOUL, TUESDAY, DEC. 29 (AP)-PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE IN A NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO NORTH KOREANS PROMISED THAT SOUTH KOREANS WOULD "COME TO YOAR RESCUE JUST AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN."

HIS PLEDGE APPEARED TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO EARLIER RHEE STATEMENTS THAT SOUTH KOREA WOULD SEEK TO UNIFY THE NATION BY FORCE IF NECESSARY.

RHEE ALSO PREDICTED THAT "CHINESE MILLIONS VERY SOON" WOULD REVOLT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

"WE KNOW THAT THE CHINESE MILLIONS WILL NOT REMAIN SILENT FOR LONG BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN," RHEE SAID. "VERY SOON THEY WILL RISE, WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT IN FORMOSA, TO START THE BATTLE AGAINST ENSLAVEMENT."

RHEE VISITED PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK, CHINESE NATIONALIST LEADER, ABOUT A MONTH AGO. THE TWO HAVE CLOSE CONTACT.

"YOUR FORTITUDE AND ENDURANCE IN THESE TERRIBLE TIMES HAVE WON OUR DEEPEST ADMIRATION AND RESPECT," RHEE TOLD THE NORTH KOREANS. "WE PROMISE TO COME TO YOUR RESCUE JUST AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLE CAN.

"WE PLEDGE TO YOU FURTHER THAT WE SHALL DO ALL WITHIN OUR POWER TO IMPLEMENT THE HOPE WITH THE PHYSICAL ACTION THAT IS REQUIRED TO SEVER COMMUNIST CHAINS EVERYWHERE."

"IF WE IN THE SOUTH HAD BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF OUR MINDS AND HEARTS, ALL OF US--MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN--WOULD HAVE DRIVEN NORTH LONG BEFORE THIS," RHEE ADDED. "THERE WE WOULD HAVE ALL DIED TOGETHER OR HAVE TRIUMPHED, SO THAT WE MIGHT ALL LIVE TOGETHER IN FREEDOM.

"WE ARE DOING ALL THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN AND JUST AS FAST AS POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD COMES TO UNDERSTAND THE MENACE AND JOINS US UNRESERVEDLY IN A GREAT CRUSADE TO ERADICATE COMMUNISM IN KOREA AND EVERY PLACE ELSE ON THIS EARTH. . . .

"WE MUST WAGE AN UNCEASING STRUGGLE FOR OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, EVEN IF IT MEANS THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PROPERTY AND THE LOSS OF OUR LIVES."

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KOREA TROOPS (350)
SEOUL, DEC. 28 (AP)-SOUTH KOREA'S PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERRED PRIVATELY TODAY ON U.S. PLANS TO PULL TWO DIVISIONS OUT OF KOREA, AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE SAID.

FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI FLEW TO CHINHAE WHERE PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE IS VACATIONING AFTER VOICING SOUTH KOREA'S DISPLEASURE OVER THE PROPOSED TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S SATURDAY ANNOUNCEMENT BROUGHT CHEERS FROM MOST AMERICAN SOLDIERS HERE, AND THERE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC SPECULATION AS TO WHICH DIVISIONS WOULD LEAVE KOREA.

BUT GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, 8TH ARMY COMMANDER, STRESSED THAT "IT CAN BE SAFELY ASSUMED THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THESE DIVISIONS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY."

TAYLOR ALSO WARNED THAT SOLDIERS WITH CONSIDERABLE TIME LEFT TO SERVE IN KOREA WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER UNITS. THEIR PLACES WILL BE FILLED BY MEN WHOSE TOURS OF DUTY ARE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

THE ARMED FORCES RADIO SERVICE TODAY BROADCAST HOURLY A STATEMENT TELLING 8TH ARMY TROOPS, IN EFFECT, NOT TO GET EXCITED.

THE ARMY PROMISED SOLDIERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS QUICKLY AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

THERE WERE SEVEN AMERICAN DIVISIONS AND PART OF AN EIGHTH IN KOREA AT THE TIME OF THE ARMISTICE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ANY HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN.

THE DIVISIONS IN KOREA ARE THE 1ST MARINE AND THE ARMY'S 2ND, 3RD, 7TH, 25,5£, 40TH AND 45TH, PLUS PART OF THE 24TH.

THE FIRST CAVALRY AND 3RD MARINE DIVISIONS ARE IN JAPAN.

THE 25TH DIVISION HAS SEEN MORE CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN KOREA THAN ANY OTHER OUTFIT AND AS SGT. BOB CAMPBELL OF PEORIA, ILL., PUT IT: "RUMORS HAVE BEEN STRONG FOR MONTHS NOW THAT WE MIGHT BE GOING BACK TO HAWAII; THAT'S THE 25TH'S HOME."

THE 24TH AND THE 1ST CAVALRY PRECEDED THE 25TH INTO KOREA, BUT BOTH HAVE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN JAPAN SINCE.

SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS WERE OPENLY CRITICAL OF EISENHOWER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN SAID THE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO DIVISIONS WOULD WEAKEN SOUTH KOREA AND INDICATED THAT IN HIS OPINION ROK TROOPS ARE NOT READY TO FILL THE GAP.

"WE DO NOT WELCOME ANY U.N. DIVISIONS BEING WITHDRAWN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR REPLACEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT WITH KOREAN PERSONNEL," PYUN DECLARED.

PYUN AND PRIME MINISTER PAIK TOO CHIN SAID SUNDAY THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE U.S. PLAN, BUT PYUN ACKNOWLEDGED MONDAY THAT THE ROK GOVERNMENT HAD ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE U.S. PLAN.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID RHEE TOLD HIM THE NOTICE CAME FROM ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, DURING A CONFERENCE AT CHINHAE THURSDAY.

RHEE HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

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SEOUL, DEC. 28 (AP)-A JAPANESE NEWSREEL CAMERAMAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A KOREAN NATIONAL WAS MOVED FROM JAIL TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TODAY FOR "FURTHER INVESTIGATION."

THE CAMERAMAN, AKIRA SHIRAISHI OF UNITED PRESS MOVIETONE NEWSREEL, WAS ARRESTED SATURDAY NIGHT ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULTING A KOREAN GUARD AT 8TH ARMY BILLETS FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SAID A DECISION WHETHER TO INDICT SHIRAISHI WILL BE MADE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RENEWED INVESTIGATION.

SHIRAISHI IS ACCUSED OF BEATING LIM CHON SANG WHEN THE GUARD REFUSED TO POSE FOR A PICTURE. POLICE SAID LIM WAS RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT AT HOME.

BOTH THE POLICE AND OTHER KOREAN GUARDS AT THE BILLETS SAID LIM WORKED FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED ASSAULT AND THAT NOW HE IS BEING TREATED.

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SEOUL, TUESDAY, DEC. 28 (AP)-FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI TODAY SAID SOUTH KOREA WOULD SEEK A JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.N. COMMAND WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIS GOVERNMENT TO ARREST AND TRY AMERICAN SERVICEMEN.

PYUN SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE A DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT READY SOON. HE SAID IT WOULD BE PATTERNED AFTER THAT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

JAPAN NOW HAS THE RIGHT TO ARREST AND TRY AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR CRIMES COMMITTED OUTSIDE OF U.S. BASES.

NO AMERICAN SERVICEMAN EVER HAS BEEN TRIED IN A SOUTH KOREAN COURT.

THE SUBJECT CAME UP WHEN CORRESPONDENTS ASKED ABOUT A JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHER ACCREDITED TO THE U.N. COMMAND WHO WAS SEIZED BY KOREAN POLICE DEC. 26 AND STILL IS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO.

CAMERAMAN AKIRA SHIRAISHI OF UNITED PRESS MOVIETONE NEWSREEL WAS ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A KOREAN GUARD AT THE 8TH ARMY CORRESPONDENTS QUARTERS.

AN 8TH ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS HIS BELIEF THE ARMY COULD NOT INTERVENE IN THE SHIRAISHI CASE. HE SAID AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE THE SAME JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY AS AMERICAN SOLDIERS BUT THE STATUS OF CORRESPONDENTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NO ALLIED FIGHTING FORCES IN KOREA IS COMPLEX.

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SEOUL, TUESDAY, DEC 28 (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE SENTENCING OF SHIN HYUNG SHIK TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR VIOLATING THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.

SHIN, A FORMER LIBERAL PARTY PROVINCIAL LEADER, WAS ACCUSED OF AGITATING SOUTH KOREANS FOR COMMUNISM. HE SAID HIS EXHORTATION TO A RALLY LAST JUNE TO FOLLOW "THE GREAT LEADER KIM IL SUNG"--COMMUNIST RULER OF NORTH KOREA--WAS "JUST A SLIP OF THE TONGUE."

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LONDON, DEC. 28 (AP)-BRITAIN STOOD FIRM TODAY ON HER DEMAND FOR THE JAN. 22 RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR STILL HELD IN KOREA.

A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN MADE THIS COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE CLEAR AFTER THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION ASKED THE ALLIED AND COMMUNIST COMMANDS IN KOREA TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THE POWS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO HOME.

BRITAIN'S POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN CALLED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE ARMISTICE TIMETABLE IN HIS DEC. 18 SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTION.

THE REDS ARE INSISTING THAT THE POWS BE HELD BEYOND JAN. 22 FOR FURTHER EXPLANATIONS AND UNTIL AFTER A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE IS CONVENED.

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OTTAWA, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE CONTEMPLATED WITHDRAWAL OF TWO U.S. DIVISIONS FROM KOREA, ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SATURDAY, WILL RESULT IN PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS TO BRING THEIR TROOPS HOME ALSO, CANADIAN OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

CANADA HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLAN TO WITHDRAW ITS ARMY BRIGADE AND THREE DESTROYERS FROM THE KOREAN THEATER, THESE SOURCES SAID, BUT THEY ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SET A PRECEDENT AND IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME UNTIL THEY ARE BROUGHT HOME--PROVIDING THE TRUCE CAN BE MAINTAINED.

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ARMY-KOREA

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE ARMY SET OUT TODAY TO CARRY OUT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ORDER FOR REDUCING INFANTRY FORCES IN KOREA, A DRAMATIC FIRST EXAMPLE OF THE "NEW LOOK" MILITARY POLICY GOING INTO EFFECT.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION ON WHICH TWO OF THE SIX ARMY DIVISIONS IN KOREA WOULD BE WITHDRAWN INITIALLY FROM THE ARMISTICE-SILENCED FRONT WAS ONE FOR THE FAR EAST ARMY COMMAND.

OFFICIALS OF THAT COMMAND SAID DEPARTURE OF THE DIVISIONS COULD NOT COME IMMEDIATELY. THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT A PROCEDURE USED IN EUROPE AT THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR II WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN KOREA. THEN MEN WHOSE OVERSEAS DUTY WAS NEARING AN END WERE TRANSFERRED INTO A DIVISION EARMARKED FOR RETURN AND MEN IN THAT DIVISION WITH SHORT SERVICE ASSIGNED TO AN OUTPUT SCHEDULED TO STAY.

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MUM. THE HIGH LEVEL DECISION TO START CUTTING ARMY GROUND FORCE STRENGTH WAS NOT REACHED UNTIL ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO AND THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS BEGAN TO FILTER DOWN TO THE WORKING LEVEL OF THE ARMY ONLY OVER THE WEEKEND.

EISENHOWER, IN THE FORMAL STATEMENT HE ISSUED AT AUGUSTA, GA., LEFT OUT ALL REFERENCE TO OVERALL MILITARY MANPOWER POLICY CHANGES. BUT THE ACTION OBVIOUSLY COULD HAVE EVENTUAL INFLUENCE ON THE SIZE OF THE ARMY.

THE GOAL OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECRETARY WILSON IS TO REDUCE TOTAL ARMY STRENGTH FROM A PRESENT LEVEL OF ABOUT 1 1/2 MILLION MEN TO 1,165,000 BY JULY 1, 1955. THIS, WILSON HAS CONTENDED, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARMY, BY REDUCING SUPPORT AND SERVICE TROOPS.

THE RETURN OF TWO DIVISIONS FROM KOREA CAN REDUCE SOME OF THE HIGH MAINTENANCE REQUIRED FOR TROOPS ON FOREIGN STATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD, AND BE REFLECTED IN A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION OF SUPPORT UNITS.

DESPITE THE EXPRESSED ALARM OF SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS OVER THE PROPOSED U. S. GROUND FORCE REDUCTION, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT EISENHOWER FELT THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM THAT AREA WOULD BE LESS SERIOUS THAN TO CUT FORCES IN EUROPE. THERE THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING CURRENT STRENGTH SO AS TO ENCOURAGE THE BUILDUP OF FORCES BY THE WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS.

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ALTHOUGH EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE MANPOWER REDUCTION PORTION OF HIS PROGRAM, IT DID HIT HARD UPON ANOTHER PHASE--THE GROWING DOMINANCE OF WEAPONS AND NEW TECHNIQUES IN STRATEGY. THUS EISENHOWER COMMENTED:

1. "OUR GROWING NATIONAL AIRPOWER POSSESSES GREATER MOBILITY AND GREATER STRIKING FORCE THAN EVER BEFORE."

2. TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR AN INFRACTION OF THE ARMISTICE. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN IN THE FAR EAST FORCES WHICH "FEATURE HIGHLY MOBILE NAVAL, AIR AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS."

AND IF THERE IS A BREACH OF THE ARMISTICE THE UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS OF ALLIED FORCES IN KOREA WERE AGREED IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE "TO CONFINE HOSTILITIES WITHIN THE FRONTIERS OF KOREA," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

THAT SEEMED A PLAIN HINT THAT THESE HIGHLY MOBILE FORCES OF WHICH THE PRESIDENT SPOKE MIGHT CARRY ANY RESUMED WAR TO RED CHINA.

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A112 (280)

BY ANTHONY PEARCE

LONDON, DEC.28 (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT TODAY BARRED ALL FOREIGNERS FROM ENTERING BRITAIN TO ATTEND A "TEACHERS FOR PEACE" CONFERENCE OPENING HERE TOMORROW.

A HOME OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: "FOREIGNERS WISHING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ARE BEING, AND WILL BE, REFUSED LEAVE TO LAND."

THE SPOKESMAN GAVE NO REASON FOR THE BAN BUT INDICATED THE CONFERENCE WAS CONSIDERED COMMUNIST-INSPIRED.

FOUR PERSONS ALREADY HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND.

DR.PAUL OESTEREICH, 76-YEAR-OLD GERMAN TEACHER AND A DELEGATE TO THE MEETING, WENT BACK TO HAMBURG TODAY AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT UNDER GUARD IN THE LONDON AIRPORT DETENTION BLOCK. OESTEREICH TOLD NEWSMEN HIS HOME IS IN WEST BERLIN "BUT MY SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE EAST, AND THAT IS OBVIOUSLY WHY I WAS NOT WANTED HERE."

A GERMAN EDUCATOR FROM THE AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS DR.LUND, WAS REFUSED ENTRY AT DOVER. AND TWO FRENCH VISITORS, NAMED AS MR. AND MRS. CONARD, WERE BARRED FROM LANDING AT NEWHAVEN YESTERDAY. ALL THREE WERE SAID TO BE ENROUTE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONFERENCE SAID "IT IS NOT COMMUNIST-SPONSORED. IT CONTAINS PEOPLE OF MANY DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AND VIEWS AND THEY WISH THIS TO BE MADE CLEAR." A STATEMENT ISSUED LATER BY THE "TEACHERS FOR PEACE" SAID THE CONFERENCE WAS OPEN TO ANY ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL TO ATTEND AND INVITATIONS WERE SENT "ALL OVER THE WORLD."

"NO RESTRUCTIONS WERE PLACED ON WHAT ANY DELEGATE OR VISITOR SHOULD SAY," THE STATEMENT ADDED. "CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE CONFERENCE WERE LEFT QUITE OPEN.

"AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN SENT TO US BY THE NEW YORK TEACHERS' UNION AND ALSO BY THE CHINESE TEACHERS' UNION. THIS INDICATES THE WELCOME BY OTHER TEACHERS TO THIS EFFORT OF OURS TO SHOW THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED BY FREE AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION."

THE STATEMENT ADDED THE CONFERENCE WOULD DISCUSS "INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND EDUCATION."

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LONDON, DEC. 28 (AP)-RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK AND HIS FAMILY LEFT LONDON FOR MOSCOW YESTERDAY, THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY ANNOUNCED TODAY. AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID MALIK HAD GONE ON LEAVE AND THAT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHEN HE WOULD RETURN TO LONDON.

LAST WEEK, MALIK CONFERRED WITH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL AT THE LATTER'S OFFICIAL COUNTRY HOME, CHEQUERS, AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN THE 79-YEAR-OLD STATESMAN THE KREMLIN'S VIEWS ON A BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

MALIK RECENTLY RETURNED TO LONDON AFTER ATTENDING THE U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK.

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LONDON, DEC. 28 (AP)-FOUR THOUSAND AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AT U.S. AIR FORCE BASES IN BRITAIN WILL BE REPLACED BY BRITISH CIVILIANS WITHIN THE NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS, AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY. THE AIRMEN WILL RETURN TO AMERICA.

SOME 2,500 CIVILIANS WILL BE HIRED AT THE GIANT BURTONWOOD BASE IN LANCASHIRE. THE REMAINDER WILL BE SPREAD OVER VARIOUS BASES THROUGOUT THE COUNTRY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND DOLLAR-HUNGRY BRITAIN WILL GAIN FROM THE EXCHANGE.

AMERICA WILL SAVE 14 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY AND THE BRITISH TREASURY WILL BE PAID THE DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF THE CIVILIANS' WAGES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED IT COSTS AN ESTIMATED $4,900 TO MAINTAIN AN AMERICAN AIRMAN IN BRITAIN FOR A YEAR WHEREAS A BRITISH CIVILIAN'S WAGES WILL AVERAGE ONLY ABOUT $1,480.

THE CIVILIANS WILL WORK AS LABORERS, CLERKS, STOREKEEPERS, DRIVERS AND MECHANICS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT THE AIR MINISTRY WILL PAY THE CIVILIANS IN STERLING AND WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN DOLLARS.

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BY BRACK CURRY

BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 28 (AP)-WESTERN OFFICIALS HERE PREDICTED TODAY THE WESTERN BIG THREE POWERS WILL ACCEPT WITHOUT DELAY THE JAN. 25 DATE PROPOSED BY RUSSIA FOR THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AND ALSO AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ON WHERE IT SHOULD BE HELD IN BERLIN.

THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOW EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE RUSSIAN NOTE HANDED TO THE WEST LAST SATURDAY. MOSCOW REJECTED THE JAN. 4 DATE PROPOSED BY THE WEST AND SUGGESTED JAN. 25 INSTEAD, OR THEREAFTER.

WESTERN SOURCES HERE SAID THE BIG THREE HAD EXPECTED THE KREMLIN TO PROPOSE A LATER DATE AND THEY DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS. THESE SOURCES SAID THEY DO NOT EXPECT ANY QUARREL WITH THE RUSSIANS OVER THE BUILDING WHERE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET. IN THEIR NOTE, THE RUSSIANS INDIRECTLY OBJECTED TO HOLDING THE CONFERENCE AT THE FORMER ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY BUILDING IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR, AS SUGGESTED BY THE WEST.

THE RUSSIANS PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HE AMERICAN, RUSSIAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY MEET TO DECIDE THE SITE. IN BERLIN, ALLIED OFFICIALS SPECULATED THE RUSSIANS WILL PROPOSE THEIR OLD RADIO BERLIN HEADQUARTERS IN THE BRITISH SECTOR.

WESTERNERS HERE SAID THE KREMLIN APPARENTLY PROPOSED THE PRELIMINARY MEETING TO SELECT THE CONFERENCE BUILDING FOR PRESTIGE REASONS.

"OUR FEELING IS THAT THE RUSSIANS JUST DO NOT WANT TO FEEL THAT THEY WERE BEING DICTATED TO BY THE ALLIES IN THE MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE SITE," ONE OFFICIAL SAID.

THE WEST, THEY SAID, IS UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT THE RADIO BERLIN BUILDING FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE RUSSIANS HAVE CONTROLLED THIS 500-ROOM STRUCTURE SINCE 1945 AND IT UNDOUBTEDLY IS WIRED TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS, THEY SAID.

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BERLIN, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES IN A SHARP PROTEST TO THE RUSSIANS TODAY DEMANDED PUNISHMENT OF SOVIET BORDER GUARDS FOR THE FATAL SHOOTING OF A 16-YEAR-OLD WEST BERLIN YOUTH AND THE WOUNDING OF HIS MOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT.

THE AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH COMMANDANTS ALSO DEMANDED DAMAGES BE PAID THE FAMILY OF THE SLAIN YOUTH.

IDENTICAL NOTES FROM THE THREE ALLIED CHIEFS WERE HANDED THE SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICE THIS MORNING. THE NOTES ASKED A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BY THE RUSSIANS AND PUNISHMENT OF GUILTY PARTIES.

AN ALLIED SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEXT OF THE NOTES WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE RUSSIANS REPLY.

ALLIED AUTHORITIES STILL HAD ONLY A SCANTY ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT. INVESTIGATORS PLANNED TO TAKE A STATEMENT FROM THE WOUNDED WOMAN THIS AFTERNOON.

THE YOUTH, JOACHIM WOZNIAK, WAS HIT IN THE CHEST WHEN RUSSIAN BORDER GUARDS OPENED FIRE AT A CAR IN WHICH HE APPROACHED THE WEST BERLIN BORDER ON A SOVIET ZONE HIGHWAY. HIS MOTHER, ISA, 40, WAS INJURED, AND HIS FATHER, DRIVING THE CAR, ESCAPED UNHURT.

THE EAST GERMAN POLICE SEIZED THE VEHICLE AFTER THE SHOOTING BUT RELEASED IT 30 MINUTES LATER.

WOZNIAK REPORTED THE INCIDENT AT A WESTERN CHECK POINT, WHERE HE ARRIVED WITH THE FRONT OF THE CAR PIERCED BY FIVE BULLETS, HIS BOY DEAD AND HIS WIFE BADLY HURT.

WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES STILL ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF THE SHOOTING.

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BERLIN, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE RUSSIANS HAVE RELEASED ANOTHER 1,463 GERMANS HELD IN THE SOVIET UNION SINCE THE WAR, THE GERMAN RED CROSS IN BERLIN DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE LATEST TRANSPORT ARRIVED LAST WEEK AT THE POLISH-EAST GERMAN BORDER AND SOME OF THE REPATRIATES ARE IN BERLIN AND WEST GERMAN ALREADY.

THE GROUP BRINGS TO 7,500 THE NUMBER OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND FORMER CIVILIAN EMPLOYES OF THE THIRD REICH TURNED LOOSE BY THE RUSSIANS AS PART OF LAST SUMMER'S ANNOUNCED AMNESTY OF MINOR WAR CRIMINALS. THE RED CROSS SAID ABOUT 400 OF THE NEWEST ARRIVALS WANT TO REMAIN IN BERLIN, 750 IN THE SOVIET ZONE AND THE REMAINDER WANT TO GO TO WEST GERMANY. AMONG THE LATEST RETURNEES WERE ALMOST 400 WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, WEST GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES TOLD THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK THAT 102,958 GERMAN EX-SOLDIERS AND 133,000 GERMAN CIVILIANS WERE IN SOVIET CUSTODY UP TO SEPT.1.

THE RUSSIANS SAID ALL POWS HAD BEEN RETURNED BY 1950 EXCEPT THOSE WHO WERE SICK OR WERE SENTENCED FOR WAR CRIMES. THEY SAID MANY OF THE LATTER SINCE HAD BEEN SENT HOME.

THE ASSEMBLY ASKED RUSSIA AND RED CHINA TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO A SPECIAL U.N. COMMISSION SEARCHING FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF STILL UNREPATRIATED WORLD WAR II PRISONERS.

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BERLIN, DEC.28 (AP)-EIGHT FORMER OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE GERMAN WEHRMACHT HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM FIVE TO 15 YEARS BY A COMMUNIST RUSSIAN ZONE COURT WHICH CONVICTED THEM OF SPYING FOR WEST GERMANY.

THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, SAECHSISCHE ZEITUNG, SAID THE DRESDEN COURT

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HANDED DOWN THE VERDICT FIVE DAYS AGO AGAINST THE EIGHT, WHO ALLEGEDLY FORMED AN UNDERGROUND GROUP FOR THE FUTURE WEST GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY IN THE SAXONIAN TOWN OF MEISSEN.

THE DEFENDANTS INCLUDED A SERGEANT WHO WON THE KNIGHT'S CROSS TO THE IRON CROSS, ONE OF GERMANY'S HIGHEST MILITARY AWARDS, IN WORLD WAR II. DETAILS OF THEIR ALLEGED CRIMES WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

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BERLIN, DEC. 28 (AP)-WEST GERMANY'S SELF-APPOINTED PEACE ANGEL TURNED UP AGAIN IN AN EAST BERLIN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE -- IN HER USUAL WHITE FLOWING ROBES BUT THIS TIME CARRYING A BABE IN ARMS -- AND TRIED TO OFFER UP A PRAYER FOR PEACE, AUTHORITIES REPORTED TODAY.

RED-HAIRED, 24-YEAR-OLD BARBARA ROTRAUT PLEYER, WHO ELECTRIFIED THE OPENING OF THE 1952 OLYMPICS AT HELSINKI BY TRYING TO HARANGUE THE CROWD WITH AN UNSCHEDULED PEACE MESSAGE, WAS SAID TO HAVE TRIED A SIMILAR DRAMATIC ACT DURING THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT EAST BERLIN'S MARIENKIRCHE.

POLICE AND WELFARE AUTHORITIES SAID SHE WAS GENTLY USHERED AWAY FROM THE ALTAR AND TURNED OVER TO THE COMMUNIST EAST BERLIN POLICE. THEY TOOK HER TO A HOSPITAL, THEN SHE WAS RELEASED TO WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES WHERE SHE WAS EXAMINED BY DOCTORS AT A CLINIC.

NEITHER SHE NOR THE CHILD SEEMED TO NEED ANY CARE AND THE GIRL WAS TOLD TO GO BACK TO HER HOME IN STUTTGART, IN THE AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY, WHERE SHE IS A LAW STUDENT.

SHE HAS HEATEDLY MAINTAINED IN THE PAST SHE IS "NOT MENTALLY DERANGED," AND SAYS HER ATTEMPTS AT PEACE PLEAS ARE "ACTS OF IDEALISM."

ONCE THE AUTHORITIES DECIDED NOTHING WAS WRONG WITH MISS PLEYER THEY DROPPED THE CASE. THEY DIDN'T FIND OUT WHOSE BABY SHE CARRIED FOR HER ACT.

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~~PRECEDE BONN DAY: CLARK (240)~~

MADRID, SPAIN, DEC. 28 (AP)-SUSPENDED CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM CLARK OF THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM IN GERMANY CONFERRED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN MADRID TODAY BEFORE STARTING HIS RETURN TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

HE CAME HERE AFTER A VACATION IN THE CANARY ISLANDS WHERE THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT BLOCKED HIS RETURN TO GERMANY BY PICKING UP HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. HE WAS ISSUED A REGULAR PASSPORT VALID ONLY FOR SPAIN AND TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. IT EXPIRES JAN. 25.

IN BONN, THE U.S. HIGH COMMISSION SAID: "MR. CLARK WAS NO LONGER ENTITLED TO A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AS HE IS UNDER SUSPENSION AND IS TRAVELING FOR PLEASURE CONTRARY TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTIONS."

A HIGH COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT JUDGE CLARK'S WIFE RETAINED HER PASSPORT AND IT IS PRESUMED SHE WILL RETURN TO GERMANY TO CLOSE OUT HIS OFFICE AND THEIR HOME IN BONN.

CLARK REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT UNTIL HE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT TO SAY, "MY SITUATION IS CLEAR."

HE PLANNED TO FLY TO PARIS TOMORROW, AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE ON TO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY, THOUGH HIS PLANS THERE WERE NOT DEFINITE.

THE 62-YEAR-OLD PRINCETON, N.J., JUDGE WAS SUSPENDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON DEC. 9 FOR INSUBORDINATION AFTER HE REFUSED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO HIS DISMISSAL.

ON NOV. 23 HE HAD BEEN INFORMED HIS FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT BE RENEWED AT ITS EXPIRATION ON JAN. 8.

THE DEFIANT JUDGE CONTENDED HE WAS FIRED BECAUSE HE CRITICIZED THE HIGH COMMISSION'S POLICIES IN GERMANY AND WOULD NOT TAKE ORDERS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT "COOKIE PUSHERS."

AFTER HE WAS SUSPENDED, THE STATE DEPARTMENT AGAIN ORDERED HIM TO RETURN HOME BY THE FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION. INSTEAD, THE JUDGE LEFT FOR THE CANARY ISLANDS, TRAVELING ON HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY IT HAS RECALLED THE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT OF JUDGE WILLIAM L. CLARK, THE RECENTLY OUSTED CHIEF JUSTICE OF AMERICAN COURTS IN WEST GERMANY.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID CLARK, WHILE VACATIONING IN THE CANARY ISLANDS, GAVE UP HIS PASSPORT TO AN AMERICAN COUNSUL GENERAL.

IN TURN, HE WAS GIVEN A REGULAR PASSPORT WHICH IS VALID FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL UNTIL JAN. 28.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SUSPENDED JUDGE CLARK AFTER HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT A DECISION TERMINATING HIS SERVICES AS PART OF WHAT IT SAID WAS A GOVERNMENT ECONOMY MOVE. CLARK CHALLENGED THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO FIRE HIM, AND SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE IN THE POST.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY, PRESS OFFICER HENRY SUYDAM SAID "I DON'T THINK THE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED AS TO JUDGE CLARK'S FUTURE INTENTIONS."

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ROME, ITALY, DEC.28 (AP)-SOVIET AMBASSADOR MIKHAIL KOSTILEV TOLD PREMIER PELLA TODAY 28 CONVICTED ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND SIX CIVILIANS WILL BE FREED FOR RETURN TO ITALY AS THE RESULT OF A RUSSIAN AMNESTY.

WHAT THEY WERE CONVICTED OF WAS NOT DISCLOSED. THE 34 ARE ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF THE THOUSANDS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR THIS COUNTRY CLAIMS RUSSIA STILL HOLDS.

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A115 (160)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, DEC. 28 (AP)-FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUNGARY'S POSTWAR HISTORY, PARLIAMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CALLED TO ITS USUAL DECEMBER SESSION TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR. IT APPEARS WHOLESALE REVISION OF ECONOMIC PLANS UNDER THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT'S "NEW LOOK" PROGRAM COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME.

IN PAST YEARS, PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1949 CONSTITUTION GRANTING IT THE RIGHT TO PASS ON THE STATE BUDGET.

PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE 1953 BUDGET DEC. 15, 1952, PROVIDING FOR RECEIPTS OF 32,700,000,000 FORINTS (OVER FOUR BILLION DOLLARS AT THE GOVERNMENT-PEGGED RATE OF EXCHANGE) AND ALLOWING FOR A SURPLUS OF 575 MILLION FORINTS ($72,600,000). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURES.

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PREMIER IMRE NAGY'S GOVERNMENT LAST JULY LAUNCHED A SWEEPING NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAM AIMED AT EASING RESTLESSNESS AMONG THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND PROMISING IMPROVED LIVING STANDARDS. THE "NEW LOOK" PROGRAM SCRAPPED MANY OF HUNGARY'S OVER-AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION AND SET ABOUT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE MORE FOOD AND SOME OF THE CONSUMER GOODS THEY HAD NOT SEEN FOR YEARS.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, DEC. 23 (AP)-ROMANIA'S PARLIAMENT TODAY MET FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR, RADIO BUCHAREST SAID.

THE MEETING, ATTENDED BY THE COUNTRY'S TOP COMMUNISTS, DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE.

PETRE NICULESCU WAS ELECTED DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE REPLACES GHEORGHE STOICA, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED ROMANIAN MINISTER TO THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

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ADVANCE FOR PMS OF MONDAY DEC. 23)

RYAN SERIES (NO.1)

EDITOR'S NOTE--WILLIAM L. RYAN, AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST, IS BACK FROM A THREE-MONTH TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE SPEAKS RUSSIAN AND HE TRAVELED ALONE THROUGH EIGHT OF THE REPUBLICS THAT MAKE UP THE U.S.S.R. THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF UNCENSORED ARTICLES IN WHICH RYAN DESCRIBES AND ANALYZES POST-STALIN RUSSIA AS HE SAW IT).

BY WILLIAM L. RYAN

AP FOREIGN ANALYST

1958

THE POST-STALIN ERA HAS BROUGHT THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY FACE TO FACE WITH A BLOODLESS REVOLUTION IT WOULD LIKE TO IGNORE.

NEON SIGNS IN MOSCOW AND OTHER SOVIET CAPITALS ARE MORE THAN MERE ADVERTISEMENTS. THEY ARE PORTENTS OF THE FUTURE:

"INSURE YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS."

"INVEST IN BONDS FOR YOUR FUTURE."

"SAVE YOUR MONEY IN A SAVINGS BANK."

I TRAVELED MORE THAN 6,000 MILES INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION AND SAW A LARGE SLICE OF THE VAST, POWERFUL,PUZZLING COUNTRY, A SHUFFLING AND SLOPPY GIANT AMONG NATIONS WHICH REALIZES ITS OWN STRENGTH AND IS FRIGHTENED AT ITS OWN WEAKNESSES.

THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF SOMETHING WHICH MAY PROVE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION, AND ALSO ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST HOPES FOR A LASTING WORLD PEACE.

IT IS THIS: THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS TO BE UNDERGOING A MIDDLE CLASS REVOLUTION,NO LESS POWERFUL BECAUSE IT IS NON-VIOLENT AND GRADUAL.

IN SPITE OF COMMUNIST DOCTRINE--IN FACT, IN SPITE OF ITSELF--THE U.S.S.R. IS BUILDING A POWERFUL MIDDLE CLASS WITH AN INSTINCT FOR OWNERSHIP. SOME DAY IT MAY ENGULF AND OVERWHELM THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

I DID NOT FIND REVOLUTIONARY RESTLESSNESS, BUT I DID FIND EVIDENCE OF ANNOYANCE AND IRRITATION WITH THE BUREAUCRACY. THERE WAS BOUNDLESS CONFIDENCE BEING EXPRESSED,HIGH AND LOW,THAT NOW WAS THE TIME FOR CHANGE, THAT BETTER THINGS WERE IN STORE.

"WE HAVE A NEW BOSS NOW," A YOUNG ENGINEER TOLD ME.

"WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT NOW," SAID A TEACHER IN CENTRAL ASIA.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN I HEARD WORDS LIKE THIS--WORDS INDICATING RELIEF THAT STALIN WAS GONE, HOPE THAT SOMETHING NEW WAS ON THE HORIZON.

SOME FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT PREMIER GEORGI MALENKOV'S PROMISE OF A BETTER LIFE IN "TWO TO THREE YEARS" WAS HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC. THERE ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF ROAD BUILDING, HOME BUILDING, MACHINE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AHEAD BEFORE THE SOVIET CONSUMER FRONT CAN BE COMPARED WITH THAT OF ANY ADVANCED WESTERN NATION. THE GREATEST OBSTACLE IN THE WAY IS THE DEEP-FREEZE BUREAUCRACY BUILT UP UNDER STALIN'S DICTATORSHIP. IF HE IS TO SUCCEED, MALENKOV MUST WIELD A POWERFUL KNIFE AGAINST THE RED TAPE IN HIS WAY.

A95 (AGENCIES OUT)

THE GROWING SOVIET MIDDLE CLASS IS BECOMING IMPATIENT.

RUSSIANS IN MOSCOW EAGERLY SNATCH UP AMERICAN MAGAZINES TO DREAM OVER THE ADVERTISEMENTS OF CONSUMER GOODS. A MINOR OFFICIAL IN LENINGRAD HAD A STANDING ARRANGEMENT WITH AN AMERICAN TO DELIVER HIM USED COPIES OF DEPARTMENT STORE CATALOGUES. THERE ARE SOVIET WOMEN WHO REJECT SHODDY CLOTHING IN THE STORES AND TRY TO MAKE THEIR OWN ON WESTERN LINES. ALL THESE ARE WARNINGS FOR THE NEW REGIME.

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ON EVERY HAND ARE EVIDENCES THAT THE PRIVATE PROPERTY INSTINCT, FAR FROM BEING EXTERMINATED, IS FLOURISHING AMONG A BIG SECTION OF THE POPULATION. IT IS PARTICULARLY PRESENT AMONG THAT SECTION WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED A MIDDLE CLASS. IT IS MANIFEST IN THE DETERMINATION OF SUCH PEOPLE TO PASS ON ACCUMULATED THINGS TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

THESE PEOPLE ARE TO BE FOUND AMONG SECOND AND THIRD GENERATION COMMUNISTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE NO MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY BOLSHEVISM--AND ALSO AMONG THE GROWING CLASS OF DIRECTORS, MANAGERS, SPECIALISTS,SCIENTISTS,WRITERS, ENGINEERS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, ARMY OFFICERS, "ADVANCED" WORKERS WHO EARN HIGH PAY, AND A WHOLE LAYER OF EDUCATED PEOPLE NECESSARY TO THE SOVIET ECONOMY.

OUT OF A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 200 MILLION, THESE PEOPLE MAY NOW NUMBER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 40 MILLION. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO BY THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND TALENTS OR PARTY FAVOR--HAVE BEEN LIVING BETTER, GETTING A SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE. THEY INCLUDE THE EMPIRE BUILDERS IN THE FARFLUNG REPUBLICS, A STURDY STOCK OF STUBBORN COLONISTS. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE JUST AS INTERESTED AS THEIR WESTERN COUNTERPARTS IN MAINTAINING THEIR STATUS AND PASSING ON THE GOOD THINGS TO THEIR CHILDREN.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM AS EASILY AS STALIN HANDLED THE POPULATION. FOR ONE THING, TO BUILD AN INDUSTRIAL STATE, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD TO EDUCATE THE MASSES. FOR ANOTHER, THE POLICE POWER OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DAMAGED IN THE VIOLENT PURGE LEADING TO THE EXECUTION OF L. P. BERIA.

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A96 (AGENCIES OUT)

THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS RELYING ON PROPAGANDA. IT PREACHES INCESSANTLY ABOUT "COMMUNIST EDUCATION OF THE MASSES, ROOTING OUT THE SURVIVALS OF CAPITALISM AND THE REMNANTS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY PSYCHOLOGY AND MORALS."

BUT THE NEW SOVIET PROGRAM SEEMS HEADED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. IT IS GIVING BROAD CONCESSIONS TO THE PEASANTS IN THE WAY OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE. IT IS TEMPTING THE BROAD MASSES WITH MORE AND BETTER GOODS FOR THEIR OWN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

IRONICALLY, THIS IS THE "BOURGEOIS REVOLUTION" FOR WHICH LENIN AND TROTSKY COULD NOT WAIT. MARX HAD LAID DOWN THE PRINCIPLE THAT A FEUDAL COUNTRY, SUCH AS CZARIST RUSSIA WAS, HAD TO GO THROUGH CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT BEFORE BECOMING A "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT." THE COMMUNISTS NIPPED THE CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT IN THE BUD.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO ATTEMPT TO CALL A HALT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY FIND IT IS TOO LATE. NO LONGER ABLE TO RELY ON THE RUTHLESS METHODS OF A STALIN IN A SOCIETY SEVERAL GENERATIONS REMOVED FROM CZARISM AND VIOLENT REVOLUTION, THE PARTY MAY FIND ITSELF UNABLE TO CHECK THE TREND. ALREADY IT EXHIBITS A GROWING NERVOUSNESS AT THE DEMANDING TONE COMING FROM THE PEOPLE.

IF THE SOVIET UNION ACCOMPLISHES IN 10 YEARS WHAT IT CLAIMS IT WILL ACCOMPLISH IN THREE, IT CAN BECOME A MIGHTY NATION, INDEED. BUT IF IT ACCOMPLISHES THESE THINGS, RUSSIA IS LIKELY TO BE A CHANGED NATION, TOO.

END ADVANCE FOR PMS OF MONDAY DEC.23--MOVED DEC.24

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A76
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MOSCOW, DEC. 28 (AP)-A GROUP OF SEVEN AMERICAN COLLEGE EDITORS ARRIVED BY PLANE TONIGHT FOR A THREE-WEEK STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION. A SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE WANT TO SEE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND FIND OUT HOW THE SOVIET PEOPLE LIVE."

THE SEVEN INCLUDE DEAN SCHOELKOPF, EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DAILY AND SON OF HAROLD SCHOELKOPF, EDITOR OF THE ST. CLOUD, MINN. DAILY TIMES.

THE OTHERS ARE: DAVE BARNEY, EDITOR OF THE REED QUEST, REED COLLEGE, PORTLAND, ORE.; CRAIG E. LOVITT, EDITOR OF THE KNOX STUDENT, KNOX COLLEGE, GALESBURG, ILL.; WILLIAM C. IVES, ASSOCIATED EDITOR OF THE KNOX STUDENT; GREOGRY SHUKER, EDITOR OF THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.; RICHARD ELDEN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN; AND RICHARD E. WARD, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MAROON.

THIS IS THE SECOND GROUP OF U.S. COLLEGE EDITORS ADMITTED TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THEY SAID THEY HAD TO WAIT THREE WEEKS FOR THEIR VISAS. THEY ARE CONFERRING TOMORROW WITH INTOURIST AGENCY OFFICIALS ON THEIR ITINERARY.

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B34 (Q)
(300)
CAIRO, EGYPT, DEC. 28 (AP)-ONE OF PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL'S LOUDEST CRITICS AT HOME, LEFTIST LABORITE ANEURIN BEVAN, SAID TODAY HE THINKS SIR WINSTON WANTS TO SEE A SETTLEMENT OF THE SUEZ ISSUE WITH EGYPT -- AND ALONG THE LINES EGYPT WANTS.

ARRIVING HERE WITH HIS WIFE FOR A TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST, BEVAN TOLD NEWSMEN HE THOUGHT "EVERYONE IN BRITAIN IS SYMPATHETIC" TO EGYPT'S DEMAND THAT THE BRITISH EVACUATE THEIR BIG MILITARY BASE IN THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

ASKED WHETHER THIS EXTENDED TO CHURCHILL, HE ADDED:
"I THINK SO. YOU KNOW CHURCHILL IS HAVING TROUBLE IN PARLIAMENT, BUT I THINK HE IS IN FAVOR OF A SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT--A SETTLEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE EGYPTIAN DESIRE."

BRITAIN HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO REMOVE HER TROOPS FROM THE SUEZ BUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT HAVE DEADLOCKED ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE WEST WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE BASE AGAIN AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR BRITISH TECHNICAL ADVISORS AT THE BASE.

MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS IN PARLIAMENT OF CHURCHILL'S OWN CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAVE DEMANDED THAT BRITAIN TERMINATE THE NEGOTIATIONS AND REMAIN IN THE CANAL ZONE BUT THEIR OPPOSITION HAS BEEN COUNTERED BY THE SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MORE THAN 100 LABORITES.

EGYPT'S NEGOTIATORS FOR THE STALLED TALKS CONFERRED TODAY WITH THE NATION'S AMBASSADORS TO BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, ABDEL RAHMAN HAKKI AND DR. AHMED HUSSEIN, WHO WERE CALLED HOME.

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT SAID THE MEETING WITH THE ENVOYS WAS DESIGNED TO WORK OUT EGYPTIAN POLICY BEFORE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS WITH BRITISH DELEGATES NEXT WEDNESDAY.

INFORMANTS SAID IF BRITAIN FAILS TO MEET THE EGYPTIAN DEMANDS, ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS IN THE POLICY OF "STRICT NEUTRALITY" EGYPT PLANS TO ADOPT TOWARD THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT WOULD BE RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA.

SUCH RECOGNITION HAS BEEN FORECAST REPEATEDLY IN RECENT MONTHS BUT EACH TIME THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DENIED THE STEP IS IN THE OFFING. EGYPT NOW RECOGNIZES THE GOVERNMENT OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

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A31
NIGHT LEAD CONGRESS (170)
MADURA, INDIA, DEC. 28 (AP)-HINDU RELIGIOUS FERVOR TODAY SWEPT ASIDE WELL LAID COMMUNIST PLANS TO KEEP ATTENTION FOCUSSED ON THE PARTY'S FIRST CONGRESS IN FIVE YEARS.

WHILE RED LEADERS TRIED VAINLY TO KEEP THE FAITHFUL IN LINE, THOUSANDS OF NORMALLY COMMUNIST-LED COTTON MILL WORKERS SURGED INTO THE STREETS AND JOINED THE ANNUAL "ASHTAMI CHAPPRA," OR DECORATED CAR PROCESSION.

CHEERING WORKERS RALLIED TO HELP CARRY A GIANT, 30-FOOT HIGH MULTI-COLORED FLOAT ENSHRINING THE TEMPLE IDOL, THE "FISH-EYED GODDESS," MEENAKSHI.

"AFTER ALL, WE MUST SUBMIT TO GOD," SIGHED COMMUNIST LEADER ARUNA ASAF ALI, WIDOW OF A ONE-TIME INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, ASAF ALI. ARUNA WATCHED FROM THE BALCONYUOF A HOTEL WHILE LABORERS WILDLY TORE DOWN COMMUNIST CONVENTION ARCHES TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PASSAGE OF MEENAKSHI ALONG MADURA'S STREETS LINED BY AN ESTIMATED 150,000 INDIANS.

ONE COMMUNIST LEADER ON THE BALCONY REMARKED: "I AM AFRAID IF YOU SCRATCH ALMOST ANY OF OUR PARTY PEOPLE ENOUGH YOU WILL FIND UNDERNEATH A TRADITION-LIVING RELIGIOUS MAN."

THE INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY--WITH APPROVAL FROM MOSCOW--ESPOUSES A PEACEFUL ACTION PROGRAM IN LINE WITH MOHANDAS GANDHI'S POLICY OF NON-VIOLENCE.

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BY SELIG HARRISON (450)
MADURA, INDIA, DEC. 28 (AP)-INDIA'S COMMUNIST HIGH COMMAND TOLD THE FIRST PARTY CONGRESS IN FIVE YEARS YESTERDAY THAT IT MUST KEEP TRYING TO WIN POWER PEACEFULLY AT THE POLLS, RATHER THAN THROUGH THE TERRORIST TACTICS USED UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO.

THE MOSCOW-BACKED POLICY DIRECTIVE WAS PUT FORWARD BY THE CONVENTION'S STEERING COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL, AJOY K. GHOSH. GHOSH ARRIVED IN BOMBAY LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AGO AFTER A SIX-MONTH VISIT TO THE SOVIET CAPITAL FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

THE PEACEFUL ACTION PROGRAM CONTINUES A POLICY ADOPTED IN OCTOBER, 1951. THE COMMITTEE SAID "EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED ITS CORRECTNESS."

THE PROGRAM REJECTS TERRORISM--WHICH OUSTED SECRETARY GENERAL B.T. RANADIVE HAD ADVOCATED--AS UNSUITED TO INDIA'S GANDHIAN TRADITION OF NON-VIOLENCE. THE PARTY COMMITTEE CALLED FOR A "BROAD BASED UNITED FRONT ABLE TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC UNITY."

RANADIVE IS NOT EVEN ATTENDING THE CONGRESS AS A DELEGATE.

INSTEAD, GHOSH APPEARED FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE. HE ASSUMED THE TOP PARTY POST TWO YEARS AGO AS A SHAKY COMPROMISE CHOICE BETWEEN THE OPPOSING FACTIONS, ONE FAVORING VIOLENCE AND THE OTHER THE PARLIAMENTARY APPROACH TO POWER. RED SOURCES HERE INDICATED STRONG BACKING FROM MOSCOW HAD MADE GHOSH THE CLOSEST THING TO AN ACCEPTED BOSS THE QUARRELLING INDIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE EVER HAD.

THESE SOURCES SAID THE PRO-PARLIAMENTARY WING HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY INCREASING COMMUNIST SUCCESSES AT THE POLLS. THESE BEGAN WITH STRONG SHOWINGS DURING THE 1951-52 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ANDHRA, TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN STATES AND CONTINUED IN THE RECENT PARLIAMENT BY-ELECTION IN CALCUTTA, WHERE A COMMUNIST LAWYER, SADHAM GUPTA, TROUNCED THE CANDIDATE FROM PRIME MINISTER NEHRU'S CONGRESS PARTY.

THE SOURCES ADDED THAT SINCE GHOSH'S RETURN FROM MOSCOW, THE RED LEADERSHIP SEEMS CLEARLY TO VIEW MOSCOW, RATHER THAN PEIPING, AS THE FOCUS OF CONTROL AND SUPPORT FOR INDIAN COMMUNISM.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS DID NOT MENTION CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADER MAO TZE-TUNG BUT STRESSED INSTEAD THAT INDIA'S REDS WOULD "FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION."

PAYING HOMAGE TO JOSEPH STALIN, THE CONGRESS PLEDGED "TO THE MEMORY OF OUR GREAT TEACHER AND GUIDE THAT INDIAN COMMUNISTS WILL CHARISH AND FOSTER THE TRADITIONS OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT."

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THE POLICY OF NEHRU'S GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TO REFUSE VISAS EXCEPT TO DELEGATES FROM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. BRITISH COMMUNIST CHIEF HARRY POLLITT IS ATTENDING THE SESSIONS AND REDS FROM CEYLON ARE ALSO EXPECTED.

A STEERING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID FRATERNAL GREETINGS WERE READ AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, FRANCE, ITALY AND JAPAN.

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AMS BUDGET (360)

NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINESE

BY MAY CLOS

SAIGON, INDOCHINA, DEC. 28 (AP)-FRENCH WAR PLANES POUNDED THE VIETMINH INVADERS OF LAOS TODAY IN WHAT APPEARED THE PRELUDE TO A GROUND COUNTER ATTACK AGAINST THE REDS WHO KNIFED ACROSS THE LITTLE STATE LAST WEEK, SLICING INDOCHINA IN TWO.

WHILE BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS RANGED UP AND DOWN ENEMY TERRITORY, FRENCH GROUND FORCES WERE REPORTED MASSING SOUTH OF THAKHEK, VIETMINH-HELD LAOTIAN TOWN BORDERING ON ALARMED THAILAND WHICH HAS MOBILIZED TROOPS ALONG ITS FRONTIER.

FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE UNITS, PROBING NORTHWARD FROM THEIR BASE AT SENO, SAID THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE REDS WHO MADE THE 100-MILE THRUST FROM THE ANNAM COAST.

THE FRENCH SAID THE ENEMY IS AVOIDING COMBAT, AND FADES BACK INTO THE JUNGLE IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO REGROUP FOR AN ASSAULT ON SENO.

A FRENCH FORCE UNDER GEN. ANDRE FRANCHI IS ENTRENCHED AT SENO AWAITING THE VIETMINH ASSAULT FORCE ESTIMATED AT A DIVISION.

WHILE SOUTHEAST ASIA NERVOUSLY WATCHED THE RED INVASION, THE REBEL RADIO BROADCAST A CALL FROM VIETMINH CHIEF HO CHI MINH TO HIS TROOPS TO "MAKE AN ASSAULT THAT WILL DESTROY THE ENEMY.

THE RADIO DECLARED THE "GREATER PART" OF THE LAOTIAN FORCES UNDER FRENCH COMMAND HAD DESERTED AND JOIND THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

THE FRENCH ADMITTED THEY HAD LOST ABOUT A COMPANY OF THEIR OWN AND NORTH AFRICAN FORCES IN THE VIETMINH THRUST, BUT REPORTED THEY WERE ROUNDING UP UNITS FROM FORMER GARRISONS IN THE AREA WHICH HAD FLED INTO THE JUNGLE WHEN THE REDS ATTACKED.

THE FRENCH ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THEY ARE FACED WITH A GRAVE SUPPLY PROBLEM. THE VIETMINH ADVANCE CUT THE MEKONG RIVER SUPPLY LINE ALONG WITH ROAD ROUTES TO VIENTIANE, SEAT OF THE LAOS GOVERNMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE CAPITAL AND OTHER KEY TOWNS IN THE NORTH MUST BE SUPPLIED BY AIRLIFT.

THE REBEL RADIO DECLARED THE INVASION HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY "LAOTIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION TROOPS." FRENCH SOURCES IN SAIGON CONTENDED THE INVADERS WERE VIETMINH REGULARS POSSIBLY SUPPORTED BY SOME LAOTIAN REGIONAL GROUPS.

THE SAIGON INFORMANTS ADDED THAT THE SO-CALLED "NATIONAL LIBERATION" FORCE MAY INCLUDE THE PATHET LAO MOVEMENT -- A SMALL GUERRILLA BAND OF LAOTIANS ALLIED WITH THE VIETMINH.

THE VIETMINH ALSO BROADCAST AN APPEAL ALLEGEDLY SIGNED BY 297 FRENCH UNION WAR PRISONERS REPORTED LIBERATED FOR CHRISTMAS. THE MESSAGE CALLED ON FRENCH TROOPS IN INDOCHINA TO ASK FOR A NEGOTIATED PEACE.

THE RADIO REPEATED TWO RED CONDITIONS FOR PEACE -- REPATRIATION OF FRENCH UNION EXPEDITIONARY FORCES AND DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE HO CHI MINH REGIME AND FRANCE.

THE VIETMINH HAVE REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FRENCH-SPONSORED VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OF FORMER EMPEROR BAO DAI IN SAIGON.

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WITH SAIGON (275)

BANGKOK, DEC. 28 (AP)-REPORTS FROM NORTHEASTERN THAILAND TODAY SAID INVADING VIETMINH TROOPS WITHDREW YESTERDAY FROM THE LAOTIAN TOWN OF THAKHEK BUT WERE LYING IN WAIT OUTSIDE TO TRAP FRENCH FORCES IF THEY RETURN.

THE THAILAND CABINET, SUMMONED TO AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE, DECIDED TODAY THE GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY EMERGENCY ARISING OUT OF THE CRISIS IN LAOS,TINY INDOCHINESE STATE.

PREMIER TIAO SOUVANNA PHOUMA OF LAOS IN A NOTE TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT TERMED THE ATTACK AN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNIZE LAOS. HE DID NOT ASK HELP DIRECTLY, BUT SAID LAOS WOULD DEFEND HER INDEPENDENCE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRIENDLY NATIONS.

THE LAOTIAN LEGATION SAID SIMILAR NOTES WERE SENT TO THE 35 OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNZE LAOS.

THE VIETMINH FORCES, WHICH SLICED INDOCHINA ACROSS ITS NARROW WAIST LAST WEEK, LEFT A SMALL GUARD IN THE SMOULDERING RUINS OF THAKHEK, THE REPORTS FROM THE THAILAND PROVINCE OF NAKORN PANOM SAID. NAKORN PANOM IS ACROSS THE MEKONG RIVER FROM THAKHEK.

FOUR TRUCKLOADS OF SINGING VIETMINH TROOPS ROLLED INTO THAKHEK SATURDAY AFTER RETREATING FRENCH TROOPS HAD FIRED THE TOWN. FROM THE THAILAND BANK, HARDLY ANY MOVEMENT COULD BE SEEN IN THAKHEK. DOGS HOWLED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

PRESUMABLY THE VIETMINH TROOPS WITHDREW BECAUSE THEY FEARED FRENCH AIR RAIDS OR COUNTERATTACKS ON THAKHEK.

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TIJO KHAMPAN, LAOTIAN MINISTER TO BANGKOK, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE INVADERS WERE NOT GUERRILLAS BUT REGULAR TROOPS OF THE VIETMINH'S NATIONAL ARMY. HE SAID THEY CARRIED SMALL ARMS, MAINLY FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THAKHEK IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT COMMANDS THE MEKONG RIVER AS WELL AS LAND SUPPLY ROUTES FROM SAIGON TO NORTH LAOS. ALL OTHER LAND ROUTES ARE BLOCKED BY HILLS AND JUNGLES.

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(WEST OUT)

OKINAWA, TUESDAY, DEC 29 (AP)-THE ARMY TODAY SAID THE 31 MEMBER LEGISLATURE OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS HAD BEEN DISSOLVED AND NEW ELECTIONS WOULD BE CALLED BECAUSE OF THE RETURN OF THE AMAMI ISLANDS TO JAPAN.

THE AMAMI ISLANDS, WITH MORE THAN 200,000 PEOPLE, HELD EIGHT SEATS IN THE RYUKYU LEGISLATURE.

THE U.S. CIVIL ADMINISTRATOR OF RYUKYUS SAID THAT "SINCE THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION THERE IS NO DISRUPTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE RYUKYUAN PEOPLE."

THE MILITARY RETAINS CONTROL OVER OKINAWA AND THE RYUKYUS BUT THE LEGISLATURE IS EMPOWERED TO HANDLE MANY LOCAL MATTERS.

THE AMAMI ISLANDS WERE RETURNED TO THE JAPANESE CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE ORDER DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATURE AND CALLING FOR NEW ELECTION WAS MADE DEC. 26.

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B11 (SEG) (200)

OTTAWA, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE CANADIAN NAVY'S ANTI-SUBMARINE AIR SQUADRONS ARE GOING TO FLY IN GRUMMAN S2F AIRCRAFT--TWIN-ENGINE, HIGH-WING MONOPLANES DESIGNED PARTICULARLY FOR CARRIER-BORNE OPERATIONS AGAINST UNDERSEA CRAFT.

DEFENSE MINISTER BROOKE CLAXTON ANNOUNCED THE CHOICE OF THE EQUIPMENT TODAY. OTHER SOURCES SAID ABOUT 250 OF THE PLANES WOULD BE

PURCHASED DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

ACQUISITION OF THE GRUMMANS WILL COMPLETE THE CHANGEOVER OF CANADIAN NAVY SQUADRONS TO NEW TYPE PLANES. THE NAVY ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH IT IS ARRANGING WITH THE U.S. NAVY TO PURCHASE F2H3 BANSHEE JETS FOR CARRIER FIGHTER SQUADRONS.

CLAXTON SAID THE GRUMMANS WOULD BE BUILT AT THE TORONTO PLANT OF DE HAVILLAND AIRCRAFT OF CANADA, LTD., UNDER LICENSE FROM THE GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING CORP. OF BETHPAGE, N.Y.

CLAXTON DESCRIBED THE S2F AS THE "FIRST COMPARATIVELY SMALL AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF MEETING THE MODERN REQUIREMENTS OF AERIAL ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE." THE PLANE, HE EXPLAINED, IS "HIGHLY MANEUVERABLE, HAS A SHORT TAKEOFF RUN AND LOW LANDING SPEED AND AT THE SAME TIME CAN CARRY ALL DEVICES AND WEAPONS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF ANTI-SUBMARINE SEARCH AND ATTACK."

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AMS BUDGET (400)

MIGHT LEAD BIG FOUR

BY ROGER D. GREENE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT INDICATED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE, IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT RUSSIA'S PROPOSAL TO DELAY A BIG FOUR CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS UNTIL JAN.25.

A SPOKESMAN IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT THE JAN.25 DATE SHOULD BE MADE "FIRM" AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, WITH NO FURTHER DELAYING MOVES BY THE SOVIETS.

THE WESTERN ALLIES HAD ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED JAN.4 AS THE DATE FOR THE BIG FOUR'S TOP DIPLOMATS TO MEET IN BERLIN TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

IN REPLY, THE RUSSIANS PROPOSED A DELAY OF AT LEAST THREE WEEKS -- A MOVE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS A CHANCE TO SIZE UP THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT, SCHEDULED TO BE ORGANIZED SOME TIME AFTER JAN.17, AND PERHAPS SHAPE THEIR STRATEGY ACCORDINGLY.

SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THE SOVIETS ARE SPARRING FOR TIME TO TRY TO DEVISE NEW WAYS TO BLOCK THE AMERICAN-BACKED PLAN TO SET UP A SIX-NATION EUROPEAN DEFENSE ARMY.

THE PROJECT, KNOWN AS THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY (EDC), HAS BEEN BITTERLY OPPOSED BY MOSCOW.

A SOVIET NOTE PROPOSING THE DELAY UNTIL JAN.25 OR LATER WAS DELIVERED TO THE WESTERN POWERS SATURDAY. THE UNITED STATES QUICKLY ISSUED AN IMPLIED WARNING THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE TRYING TO SWAY FRANCE AWAY FROM EUROPEAN UNITY.

HENRY SUYDAM, STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER, TOLD NEWSMEN TODAY THE UNITED STATES IS COMMUNICATING WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE ON THE QUESTION OF A REPLY TO THE SOVIET NOTE. THERE SEEMED LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE BIG THREE WOULD AGREE TO THE DELAY, ALTHOUGH WITH SOME RELUCTANCE.

ASKED WHEN THE WESTERN REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, SUYDAM TOLD REPORTERS:

"THERE WILL NOT BE A LONG DELAY. RIGHT NOW IT APPEARS NO EXTENDED REPLY HAS TO BE FRAMED. IF THE JAN.25 DATE IS TO BE FIRM, THE SOONER IT IS AGREED UPON, THE BETTER."

THERE WAS NO FURTHER WORD HERE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF FRICTION ARISING OVER RUSSIA'S OBJECTION TO HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN A BUILDING IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN, AS SUGGESTED BY THE WEST.

ALLIED OFFICIALS IN BERLIN SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT ANY QUARREL OVER THE CONFERENCE SITE. THEY SAID IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE WEST WOULD ACCEPT ANY SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THE OLD RADIO BERLIN HEADQUARTERS IN THE BRITISH SECTOR.

OFFICIALS SAID THE RUSSIANS HAVE CONTROLLED THIS 500-ROOM BUILDING SINCE 1945 AND UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE WIRED IT TO RECORD ANY PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AMONG WESTERN DIPLOMATS IF THEY MET THERE.

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A176WX (RELEASE AMERICANS)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED TO RELEASE PFC. HOMER COX OF LAWTON, OKLA., AND LELAND TOWERS OF SAN FRANCISCO BUT HAS NOT ADVISED WHERE OR WHEN. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TIME OF RELEASE WERE REPORTED UNDERWAY.

BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE RUSSIANS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

COX, 33, DISAPPEARED IN SEPTEMBER, 1949, WHILE SERVING AS A MILITARY POLICEMAN WITH THE U.S. ARMED SERVICES IN BERLIN.

TOWERS, 29, WAS LAST HEARD FROM IN OCTOBER, 1951, WHILE TRAVELING IN EUROPE AS A TOURIST.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ADVISED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT MOSCOW ON DEC. 21 THAT TOWERS AND COX WOULD BE RELEASED. NEGOTIATIONS ON ARE UNDER WAY.

AMBASSIDOR CHARLES (CHIP) BOHLEN IN MOSCOW HAS MADE SEVERAL OVERTURES FOR THEIR RELEASE. THE FIRST WAS LAST OCT. 2. THERE WAS A FOLLOW UP LAST NOV. 25 AND AGAIN LAST DEC. 21.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISED FAMILIES OF THE MEN OF THE SOVIET PROMISE TO RELEASE THEM BUT MADE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

HOWEVER, AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMED REPORTS OF THE PROMISE.

COX'S MOTHER, MRS. EDITH SPENCER, CONFIRMED IN OKLAHOMA CITY THAT SHE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF THE DEVELOPMENT BYTHE STATE DEPARTMENT. SHE SAID SHE HAD KEPT THE REPORT SECRET IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIFIC REQUEST.

THE SOLDIER'S FATHER, PETE COX, COULD NOT BE REACHED AT HIS HOME IN LAWTON.

"OF COURSE, I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR MORE," MRS. SPENCER SAID. "I CAN'T GET MY HOPES BUILT UP TOO MUCH."

TOWERS LEFT SAN FRANCISCO IN 1947 FOR A STUDY TOUR OF EUROPE.

"HE WENT TO EUROPE MORE TO SATISFY HIS INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY THAN ANYTHING ELSE," HIS MOTHER EXPLAINED AFTER IT BECAME KNOWN HE WAS MISSING TWO YEARS AGO.

MRS. IRENE TOWERS, A WIDOW, LIVES IN A SUBSTANTIAL BUT UNPRETENTIOUS SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. SHE COULD NOT BE REACHED TONIGHT TO LEARN IF SHE HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF HER SON'S IMPENDING RELEASE.

TOWERS WAS BORN AND ATTENDED SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO.

IN 1947, HIS MOTHER SAID, HE DETERMINED TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE CONDITIONS IN EUROPE. HE WROTE REGULARLY THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH, UNTIL FINALLY THE LETTERS STOPPED. THE LAST LETTER FROM "SOMEWHERE IN FINLAND" WAS OCTOBER, 1951.

FINALLY, AUSTRIAN PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED BY THE RUSSIANS REPORTED LAST OCTOBER THEY HAD SEEN TOWERS AND COX IN A SOUTHERN RUSSIA PRISON CAMP.

MRS. TOWERS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE TIME.

"NOW THAT WE KNOW WHERE HE IS," SHE SAID, "I'M AFRAID THEY'LL KILL HIM."

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AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

BY WERN HAUGLAND

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(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE U.S. AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY DISCLOSED TODAY IT MAY QUIT BUILDING PISTON-ENGINE BOMBERS NEXT YEAR AND CONFINE PRODUCTION OF FIGHTING PLANES TO JET AIRCRAFT.

THIS LIKELIHOOD WAS EXPRESSED BY RETIRED ADM. DEWITT C.RAMSEY, PRESIDENT OF THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES ASSN., IN A YEAR-END REVIEW.

RAMSEY REPORTED THAT DURING 1953 THE INDUSTRY PRODUCED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, MORE AIRPLANES POWERED BY JET ENGINES THAN BY PISTON ENGINES.

AT LEAST FOUR NEW JET FIGHTER MODELS WILL REACH VOLUME PRODUCTION

DURING THE COMING YEAR AND DELIVERIES OF JET BOMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE," RAMSEY SAID.

"PRODUCTION OF JET AIRCRAFT BY YEAR'S END MAY COMPRISE 75 PER CENT OF THE MONTHLY MILITARY AIRCRAFT OUTPUT.

"1953 SAW DELIVERY OF THE LAST PISTON-ENGINED FIGHTER AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE LAST PISTON-ENGINED BOMBER WILL BE DELIVERED DURING 1954."

IF THIS PREDICTION COMES TRUE, THE ONLY NEW PISTON DRIVEN AIRCRAFT TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE MILITARY WOULD BE TRANSPORT PLANES, TRAINERS, HELICOPTERS AND SMALL RECONNAISANCE CRAFT.

RAMSEY SAID THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY ALSO INCREASED ITS ACTIVITY IN THE GUIDED MISSILES FIELD DURING THE PAST YEAR.

"SEVERAL NEW TYPES WERE BEING DELIVERED ON A PRODUCTION BASIS," HE SAID.

"AT THE YEAR'S END, UNFILLED ORDERS FOR MISSILES WERE WELL OVER A BILLION DOLLARS, ALTHOUGH DELIVERIES HAD GAINED MOMENTUM EACH MONTH."

RAMSEY SAID THE INDUSTRY PRODUCED NINE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF AIRPLANES, ENGINES, PROPELLORS AND SPARE PARTS IN 1953, THE THIRD LARGEST DOLLAR VOLUME IN ITS HISTORY.

HE PREDICTED THAT 1954 SALES ALSO WOULD TOTAL ABOUT NINE BILLION DOLLARS, DESPITE AN ANTICIPATED DECLINE IN MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT PRODUCTION.

"SALES VOLUME OF THE 12 LARGEST AIRFRAME PRODUCERS AGAIN IS EXPECTED TO BE ON THE ORDER OF FIVE BILLION DOLLARS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT TOTAL SALES AT THE END OF 1953 WERE EXCEEDING 900 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH.

RAMSEY SAID MILITARY AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION AVERAGED ABOUT 1,000 PLANES A MONTH THROUGHOUT 1953, AND PROBABLY WILL REMAIN AT THAT LEVEL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS LONGER, WHEN IT WILL START TO TAPER OFF. BY THE END OF 1954 THE RATE OF MONTHLY PRODUCTION WILL BE "APPRECIABLY LESS," HE SAID.

MILITARY AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION--95 PER CENT OF THE AIR CRAFT MANUFACTURING EFFORT--INCREASED FROM 3,000 PLANES IN 1950 TO ABOUT 9,000 IN 1952 AND TO ABOUT 12,000 THIS YEAR, RAMSEY SAID.

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THE INDUSTRY ALSO BUILD LAST YEAR 210 TWIN-ENGINE EXECUTIVE-TYPE AIRPLANES, 105 TRANSPORT AIRPLANES, 3,800 UTILITY OR SINGLE-ENGINE CIVILIAN AIRPLANES, AND AN "ALL-TIME HIGH" NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS. HELICOPTER PRODUCTION FIGURES ARE RESTRICTED.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES INCREASED FROM 711,000 A YEAR AGO TO ABOUT 770,000, WITH EMPLOYES OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND ALLIED CONCERNS BRINGING THE TOTAL TO MORE THAN ONE MILLION. HOWEVER, RAMSEY LOOKED FOR THE NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYES TO DECLINE TO 725,000 BY NEXT DECEMBER.

HE ESTIMATED INDUSTRY PROFITS FOR 1953 AT 102 MILLION DOLLARS, A 2.3 PER CENT PROFITS ON SALES.

"THIS LOW LEVEL OF PROFITS TO SALES--COMPARED TO THE 1952 AVERAGE OF 5.4 PER CENT FOR ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES--AGAIN POINTS TO THE NEED FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL STRENGTH, COUPLED WITH A LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM, IF THE INDUSTRY IS TO POSSESS THE FINANCIAL HEALTH AND STABILITY REQUIRED," RAMSEY SAID.

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(460) SPY RINGS

BY EDWIN B.HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-SEVERAL SENATORS PROPOSED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES TRY TO CRACK ANY SOVIET SPY RINGS NOW OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY BY OFFERING PROTECTION AND SECURITY TO MEMBERS WHO EXPOSE THEM.

"I BELIEVE IN FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE," SEN.WILEY (R-WIS), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TOLD A REPORTER.

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WILEY LIKENED THE OFFERING OF PROTECTION TO SOVIET AGENTS IF THEY PROVIDE VITAL INFORMATION TO THE "USE OF SILVER BULLETS."

SEN.WELKER (R-IDAHO), A MEMBER OF THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN PROBING COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT, AGREED IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW, SAYING:

"I HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF OFFERING SOME SORT OF PROTECTION AND SECURITY, IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED SO THESE MEN WOULD NOT FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF TURNING TO OUR SIDE."

WELKER SAID SUCH A PROPOSAL MIGHT CAUSE SOME CRITICISM THAT "YOU ARE GIVING SOCIAL SECURITY TO A SPY, BUT IT ALSO MIGHT COLLAPSE SOVIET ESPIONAGE APPARATUS HERE."

SEN. HUNT (D-WYO), A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID THE PLAN SHOULD BE TRIED.

"I WOULD WANT DEFINITE PROOF THAT THEY REALLY WERE COMMUNIST AGENTS," HUNT SAID. "ANY SUCH OFFER MIGHT BRING A GREAT RESPONSE FROM THOSE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE COMMUNIST CONTACTS."

THE SENATORIAL COMMENT RESULTED FROM A SUGGESTION BY IGOR GOUZENKO, FORMER CODE CLERK IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN OTTAWA, WHO CRACKED A SPY RING IN CANADA BY HIS TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENTS HE PRODUCED IN 1945.

IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW WITH THE MAGAZINE, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, GOUZENKO SAID THERE MAY BE HUNDREDS OF RED AGENTS NOW OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.

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HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT "MAKE IT WORTH WHILE FOR SOME OF THEM TO QUIT AND COME OUT WITH THEIR DOCUMENTS."

AS AN INDICATION THAT THERE MAY BE HUNDREDS OF SOVIET AGENTS NOW OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES, GOUZENKO SAID "THEY SPEND SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN TELEGRAMS ALONE."

MANY OF THESE RUSSIAN AGENTS LEARN THE WAY PEOPLE ARE TREATED IN THIS COUNTRY AND CANADA AND, IF ASSURED FAIR TREATMENT, WOULD BREAK WITH COMMUNISM AS HE DID, GOUZENKO SAID.

TO ENCOURAGE DEFECTIONS, GOUZENKO SUGGESTED THESE AGENTS SHOULD BE OFFERED CITIZENSHIP, LIFELONG PROTECTION, HELP IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THEIR SERVICE ENTITLED THEM "TO ALL ASSISTANCE AND HELP."

THE RED-HUNTING INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE, OF WHICH SEN. JENNER (R-IND) IS CHAIRMAN, IS ARRANGING A SECRET INTERVIEW WITH GOUZENKO TO GET LEADS FOR ITS SEARCH FOR SUBVERSION IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE EX-CODE CLERK IS NOW LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

SENATORS RECALLED THAT U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN KOREA HAD PUBLICLY OFFERED A CASH REWARD TO ANY COMMUNIST PILOT WHO DELIVERED A MIG15 JET FIGHTER, BUILT BY THE RUSSIAN, AND THAT THIS PRODUCED RESULTS.

THEY SAID A SIMILAR OFFER MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR SOVIET SPY AGENTS WHO PRODUCED WORTHWHILE DATA.

"THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY," HUNT SAID.

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GOUZENKO

(ADVANCE)...WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-IGOR GOUZENKO, WHOSE TESTIMONY CRACKED A SOVIET SPY RING IN CANADA, SAYS HE THINKS THERE MAY BE HUNDREDS OF RED AGENTS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.

AND HE RECOMMENDED, IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW WITH THE MAGAZINE U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT MADE PUBLIC TODAY, THAT THE GOVERNMENT "MAKE IT WORTH WHILE FOR SOME OF THEM TO QUIT AND COME OUT WITH THEIR

DOCUMENTS."

THAT IS WHAT GOUZENKO HIMSELF DID IN 1945. HE WAS THEN A CODE CLERK IN THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY AT OTTAWA. HE SMUGGLED OUT DOCUMENTS WHICH LED TO THE CRACKING OF AN ATOMIC ESPIONAGE RING.

SINCE THAT TIME, HE AND HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING QUIETLY IN CANADA, UNDER ASSUMED NAMES, AND WITH GOVERNMENT PROTECTION.

THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE IS NOW ARRANGING TO INTERVIEW GOUZENKO IN SECRET, IN A SEARCH FOR LEADS IN ITS SEARCH FOR SUBVERSION IN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

SEN. JENNER (R-IND), THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID IN A STATEMENT SATURDAY NIGHT THAT ON THE BASIS OF TESTIMONY FROM ISMAEL EGE, A FORMER RED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, "THERE PROBABLY ARE 25 SOVIET SPY RINGS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES."

GOUZENKO, ASKED TO ESTIMATE HOW MANY SOVIET AGENTS MIGHT BE WORKING IN THE UNITED STATESNOW, REPLIED:

"I THINK IT MIGHT RUN INTO HUNDREDS. AS SOME INDICATION, THEY SPEND SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN TELEGRAMS ALONE."

MANY OF THESE AGENTS, HE SAID, WORK THROUGH RINGS, PERHAPS WITH EMBASSY CONTACTS, AND OTHERS ARE "AGENTS RESIDENT (WHO) WOULD WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH MOSCOW BY RADIO."

AMONG BOTH TYPES, GOUZENKO SAID, "THERE ARE SOME WHO LEARN TO LIKE THE WAY PEOPLE ARE TREATED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA." HE SAID THERE ARE RUSSIANS WHO, IF ASSURED FAIR TREATMENT, WOULD BREAK WITH COMMUNISM AS HE DID.

HE ADVOCATED A FIVE-POINT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE SUCH DEFECTIONS AMONG RED AGENTS. IT WOULD INCLUDE (1) PROMPT U. S. OR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP, (2) LIFELONG PROTECTION, (3) MATERIAL SECURITY, (4) HELP IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT, AND (5) FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT "THAT HIS SERVICE...ENTITLED HIM TO ALL ASSISTANCE AND HELP."

GOUZENKO WAS ASKED TO GIVE HIS APPRAISAL OF THE WORK OF SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AND FOR YEARS A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE BECAUSE OF HIS SEARCHES FOR COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT.

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"I THINK HE IS DOING A GOOD JOB?" GOUZENKO SAID, "BUT HE WOULD DO A MUCH BETTER JOB, OBVIOUSLY, IF HE HAD DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE. BUT IN HIS JOB HE IS DOING THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE HE IS BRINGING INTO THE OPEN MANY THINGS WHICH MANY PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO USE AS EXCUSES AND PRETEXTS...

"I THINK WE SHOULD HELP TO MAKE HIS WORK BETTER THAN IT IS."

GOUZENKO SAID HE ALMOST NEVER HEARD THE NAMES, EITHER IN OTTAWA OR MOSCOW, OF AMERICAN AGENTS WHO WERE SUPPLYING THE SOVIETS WITH SECRET DATA. THEY WERE CUSTOMARILY REFERRED TO BY "COVER NAMES," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SOVIET APPARATUS WAS "EXTREMELY EFFICIENT," AND THAT HE WAS SOMETIMES SURPRISED HIMSELF "WHEN I SAW IN OTTAWA HOW THEY BROUGHT BY THE SUITCASE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND BLUEPRINTS... FROM THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, FROM THE MUNITIONS SUPPLY OFFICE..."

HE SAID THE DIRECTORS OF THE SOVIET SPY SYSTEM "HAD GREAT RESPECT" FOR THE FBI.

GOUZENKO WAS INTERVIEWED BY TWO U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT STAFF MEMBERS IN A CANADIAN CITY THE MAGAZINE DID NOT NAME. THE INTERVIEW WAS RECORDED AND TRANSCRIBED AND THEN GOUZENKO EDITED IT.

THE MAGAZINE SAID IT HAD RECEIVED A NOTE THAT GOUZENKO WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE AN INTERVIEW. HE HAS WRITTEN A NOVEL TO BE PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTRY NEXT SPRING.

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(380) SENATE LOYALTY

BY EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-A PROPOSED LOYALTY-SECURITY CHECKUP ON ALL THE APPROXIMATELY 1,300 EMPLOYES OF THE SENATE HAS BOGGED DOWN, ALTHOUGH IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY A UNANIMOUS SENATE VOTE 10 MONTHS AGO.

J. MARK TRICE, SENATE SECRETARY, AND SEVERAL SENATORS WHO ASKED THAT THEIR NAMES NOT BE USED CITED THREE REASONS FOR THE PLAN'S FAILURE:

(1) A LEGAL PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF FBI DATA TO PERSONS NOT AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE IT, (2) FAILURE OF THE SENATE TO VOTE THE FBI SPECIAL FUNDS TO HELP WITH THE CHECKUP, AND (3) DISINTEREST ON THE PART OF SOME SENATORS.

TRICE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW HE HAS SENT TO THE FBI THE NAMES OF ALL 180 PERSONS ON THE PAYROLL OF HIS OFFICE, BUT THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE FBI FOUND.

LAST MARCH 6 THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW, DIRECTING THAT EACH OF THE 96 SENATORS, ALL SENATE COMMITTEES AND ALL SENATE OFFICIALS HAVING AUTHORITY TO HIRE ASK AN FBI CHECK OF THEIR EMPLOYES.

TRICE SAID NUMEROUS CONFERENCES BETWEEN SENATE LEADERS, FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD FAILED TO UNTANGLE THE LEGAL SNARL. THE FBI IS BARRED FROM TURNING LOYALTY DATA OVER TO CONGRESS, EXCEPT FOR THAT ON JUDICIAL APPOINTEES.

SEN. MCCARRAN (D-NEV), WHO SPONSORED THE MOVE FOR A LOYALTY AND SECURITY CHECK ON SENATE EMPLOYES, SAID ALL HIS STAFF "HAVE BEEN CLEARED."

BUT SEVERAL OTHER SENATORS, WHO ASKED THAT THEIR NAMES NOT BE USED, SAID THEY HAD NOT ASKED A CHECK ON THEIR EMPLOYES. NO FIGURES ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON HOW MANY HAVE DONE SO.

MCCARRAN'S RESOLUTION DIRECTORS THAT THE NAME OF EACH SENATE WORKER BE SENT TO THE FBI WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION "AS TO ANY DEROGATORY AND REBUTTING INFORMATION . . . CONCERNING THE LOYALTY AND RELIABILITY FOR SECURITY PURPOSES OF SUCH PERSON."

THE RESOLUTION ALSO PROVIDES THAT IF DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS FOUND, "SUCH FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS SHALL HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE LOYALTY AND RELIABILITY FOR SECURITY PURPOSES OF SUCH PERSON" MUST BE ORDERED.

TRICE SAID THE MATTER OF ASKING FOR A LOYALTY-SECURITY CHECK IS LEFT TO EACH SENATOR.

SEN. MORSE (IND-ORE) TRIED TO INCLUDE ALL SENATORS IN THE LOYALTY-SECURITY SURVEY. THE SENATE REJECTED HIS PROPOSAL BY VOICE VOTE AND MORSE DID NOT MUSTER ENOUGH SUPPORT TO FORCE A ROLLCALL VOTE.

RECENT REPORTS BY THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE HAVE ASSERTED THAT MORE THAN A DOZEN FORMER CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYES PARTICIPATED IN SOVIET RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE.

CONGRESS DOES REQUIRE THAT ITS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYES SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THEY "DO NOT ADVOCATE THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY FORCE AND VIOLENCE" AND ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ANY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH DO.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-DIRECTOR THEODORE STREIBERT DISCLOSED TODAY HE HAS ORDERED THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY TO STEP UP OPERATIONS CONSIDERABLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, APPARENTLY IN A MOVE TO COUNTER AN INCREASED COMMUNIST THREAT TO THE AREA.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, HE REPORTED VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS BEAMED TO COUTHEAST ASIA AND THE CHINESE MAINLAND WILL BE INCREASED FROM SIX TO TWELVE HOURS DAILY FROM AMERICAN RELAY STATIONS IN OKINAWA AND MANILA.

A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN PAMPHLETS, POSTERS AND BOOK TRANSLATIONS WILL BE PART OF THE EXPANDED INFORMATION ACTIVI-

TIES, HE SAID.
WHILE STREIBERT TALKED TO REPORTERS, VOICE OF AMERICA NEWSCASTS TOLD FAR EAST LISTENERS THAT THE INDOCHINESE COMMUNIST INVASION OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS CLEARLY EXPOSED RED DESIRES TO CONTROL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
BROADCAST COMMENTARIES ALSO HEAVILY PLAYED STATEMENTS THAT THE COMMUNIST ATTACK WHICH HAS CUT INDOCHINA IN TWO SHOWED THE DUPLICITY BEHIND RECENT VIETMINH COMMUNIST PEACE FEELERS.
THE SUDDEN INVASION OF LAOS, SAID THE BROADCAST, WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF UNPROVOKED COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AGAINST A FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATE.
STREIBERT SAID IN ORDER TO STEP UP ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CUT BACK OPERATIONS IN OTHER FAR EAST COUNTRIES. HE DECLINED TO NAME THE COUNTRIES WHERE THE CUT BACK WOULD BE NECESSARY BUT HE SAID IT WAS INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS.
STREIBERT RETURNED LAST WEEK FROM A MONTH LONG TOUR OF THE FAR EAST.
AS A RESULT OF CONFERENCES IN FORMOSA, STREIBERT SAID THE USIA WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD UP ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHIANG KAI SHEK'S GOVERNMENT AMONG CHINESE POPULATIONS IN OTHER FAR EAST COUNTRIES.
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PRECEDE WASHINGTON DAY SYRIA-LEBANON (340)

BY FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 28 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES WAS REPORTED TODAY STANDING FIRM ON THREE-POWER PROPOSAL FOR SEETTLING THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISPUTE OVER JORDAN WATERS UNTIL SOME MAGIC FORMULA IS FOUND WHICH SUITS EVERYBODY. OVER THE RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, HANGS THE THREAT OF A SOVIET VETO.
THE AMERICAN VIEWS WERE MADE KNOWN HERE BY AMERICAN SOURCES SEVERAL HOURS AFTER AMBASSADORS CHARLES MALIK OF LEBANON AND FARID ZEINEDDINE OF SYRIA CONFERRED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES IN WASHINGTON.
MALIK AND ZEINEDDINE SAID ONLY THAT THEY HAD A "VERY DELIGHTFUL TALK."
THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW FOR ANOTHER ROUND IN WHAT HAS BECOME A STALEMATE. THE DISPUTE AROSE WHEN SYRIA CHARGED THAT A CANAL ISRAEL HAD STARTED TO DIG FROM THE JORDAN RIVER IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WAS AN AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL AND WOULD HARM SYRIA. ISRAEL REPLIED THE CANAL WAS MEANT TO TAKE WATER TO A HYDROELECTRIC PLANT PROJECT INSIDE ISRAEL AND WOULD NOT INJURE SYRIA.
CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL WAS STOPPED WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TOOK UP THE COMPLAINT. ISRAEL AGREED NOT TO DIG FURTHER PENDING CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL.
THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE TEAMED TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD LEAVE UP TO MAJ. GEN. VAGN BENNIKE, PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF, A DECISION ON PERMITTING ISRAEL TO RESUME WORK. BRITISH AND FRENCH DELEGATES WERE BELIEVED STANDING WITH THE U.S. FOR AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.
IT WAS REPORTED THE AMERICANS WERE NOT TAKING PART IN BACKSTAGE MANEUVERING FOR A FORMULA AGREEABLE TO THE ARABS AND THE JEWS. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES QUOTED THE AMERICANS AS SAYING THEY BELIEVED THEY HAD A GOOD RESOLUTION BUT THEY WERE NOT SEEKING THE VOTES AT ANY PRICE.
THEY WERE REPORTED ALSO TO HAVE SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT A REASONABLE FORMULA WHICH WOULD GET THE VOTES OF THE ARABS AND AT THE SAME TIME TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ISRAEL. SO FAR NO ONE HAS COME UP WITH THAT BIT OF MAGIC AND NO ONE HERE EXPECTS ANY FORMULA TO BE AGREED UPON BY TOMORROW.
IN THE BACKGROUND OF ALL THIS DISCUSSION, IS A REPORT FROM DELEGATION SOURCES THAT ANDREI Y. VISHINSKY, SOVIET DELEGATE, HAS SAID PRIVATELY HE WOULD VETO THE RESOLUTION NO MATTER WHAT FORMULA IS AGREED UPON. VISHINSKY LAST WEEK MADE A SPEECH IN THE COUNCIL WHICH HINTED AT A VETO BUT SOME OTHER DELEGATES SPECULATED HE WOULD MERELY ABSTAIN.
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SYRIA-LEBANON (180)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE AMBASSADORS OF SYRIA AND LEBANON CONFERRED FOR 45 MINUTES TODAY WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES BUT WOULD SAY AFTERWARD ONLY THAT THEY HAD "A VERY DELIGHTFUL TALK."
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO VOTE TOMORROW OR EARLY IN JANUARY ON A PROPOSAL INVOLVING THE DISPUTE BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL OVER THE JORDAN RIVER. ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR ABBA B. EBAN CONFERRED LAST WEEK WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.
DR. CHARLES MALIK, LEBANON'S AMBASSADOR AND UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE, AND DR. FARID ZEINEDDINE, SYRIA'S AMBASSADOR, DECLINED TO DISCUSS DETAILS AFTER THEIR VISIT WITH DULLES TODAY.
EBAN SAID LAST WEDNESDAY HE CAME AWAY FROM HIS TALK WITH ASST. SECRETARY HENRY BYROADE WITH A "CLEAR IMPRESSION" THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION ON THE DISPUTE OVER DEVELOPMENT OF THE JORDAN RIVER.
THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE OFFERED A U.N. RESOLUTION DEC. 16 WHICH LEFT TO MAJ. GEN. VAGNE BENEKE, PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF, A DECISION ON WHETHER ISRAEL COULD GO AHEAD WITH A CANAL TO DIVERT WATER FROM THE RIVER TO A HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN ISRAEL.
ARAB-BACKED AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO GIVE SYRIA A POWER OF VETO OVER WHETHER ISRAEL COULD START DIGGING THE DITCH AGAIN.
IT IS ON THIS QUESTION OF A SYRIAN VETO WHICH THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL WILL ACT.
AFTER VOTING ON THE ARAB-BACKED AMENDMENTS, WHICH HAVE NOT REACHED THE COUNCIL YET AS FORMAL DOCUMENTS, THE COUNCIL STILL WILL HAVE TO VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE WESTERN BIG THREE. JUDGING FROM STATEMENTS IN THE COUNCIL AND IN THE CORRIDORS, THIS PROPOSAL HAS A 50-50 CHANCE OF BEING PASSED. THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THE RUSSIANS WOULD VETO IT BUT THEY MAY ABSTAIN WHEN THE VOTE FINALLY COMES.
ARAB DELEGATES HERE SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE THE COUNCIL MET LAST WEEK BUT THEY WERE HOPEFUL THE CONFERENCE WITH DULLES WOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR SOME ACTION.
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United Nations, N.Y., Dec. 28 (ap)--David Blickenstaff, An american on the staff of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, has been named director of the united nations office in paris, informed sources reported tonight.

Blickenstaff will succeed Rubens Moraes, a Brazilian, who will be transferred to u.n. headquarters here to head the u.n. library, it was said. The shift is expected to take place in mid-january.

Blickenstaff's place here will be taken by Per Lind, Sweden, who came to the U.N. as personal assistant to Hammarskjold.

Blickenstaff has been working directly under Andrew W. Cordier, executive ass stant to the secretary general, with principal duties concerned with running the general assembly. He has been with the u.n. since the start in 1946. (Editors: Home address not available tonight).

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BRIDGES

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 28 (AP)-DEPUTY U. S. ATTY GEN. WARREN OLNEY III SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE "WITHIN 30 DAYS" TO STRIP U.S. CITIZENSHIP FROM HARRY BRIDGES, LONGSHORE UNION LEADER.

OLNEY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE" TOBRING THE CIVIL ACTION BEFORE A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT. AFTER MOTIONS ARE FILED A HEARING DATE WILL BE SET. THE CASE WILL BE HEARD BY A FEDERAL JUDGE, WITHOUT A JURY, HE ADDED.

THE CIVIL ACTION WAS FILED IN 1949 AT THE SAME TIME CRIMINAL CHARGES WERE BROUGHT AGAINST BRIDGES, PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION. BRIDGES, NATIVE OF AUSTRALIA, WAS CONVICTED OF PERJURY AND CONSPIRACY IN OBTAINING CITIZENSHIP IN 1945. THE GOVERNMENT SAID HE LIED THEN WHEN HE DECLARED HE WASN'T A COMMUNIST.

HE WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON, BUT THE U. S. SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED THE VERDICT, HOLDING THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS OUTLAWED THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. GOVERNMENT LAWYERS SAY THAT THE CIVIL ACTION, WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE, IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

THE CIVIL ACTION, TOO, CHARGES THAT BRIDGES LIED WHEN HE SAID HE WASN'T A COMMUNIST, AND THAT HE OBTAINED CITIZENSHIP PAPERS THROUGH FRAUD.

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RED MAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 28 (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ANOTHER STEP TODAY TO HALT ILLEGAL MAILING OF MONEY TO PERSONS IN RED CHINA AND WARNED THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE FILED AGAINST SOME OF THE SENDERS.

U.S. COMMISSIONER JOSEPH KARESH ISSUED 170 SEARCH WARRANTS TO PERMIT AGENTS TO INSPECT REGISTERED AIR MAIL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HONG KONG AND MACAU PERSONS AND FIRMS BELIEVED TO BE "DROPS" FOR REMITTANCES TO CHINA.

THE NEW WARRANTS BROUGHT THE NUMBER OF WARRANTS FOR SUSPECTED DROPS TO 660 ISSUED IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. MORE THAN $85,000 HAS BEEN SEIZED IN THE RENEWED DRIVE ON THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC.

HAROLD R. POLLACK, TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOREIGN ASSETS ADMINISTRATION AIDE HERE TO DIRECT THE DRIVE. SAID "CRIMINAL ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED AGAINST SOME OF THE SENDERS."

HE SAID HE IS GETTING EXCELLENT COOPERATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE COMMUNITY, BELIEVED TO BE THE POINT OF ORIGIN FOR MANY OF THE ILLEGAL CURRENCY SHIPMENTS.

FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS ENACTED TWO YEARS AGO FORBID SUCH TRANSFERS OF FUNDS, UNDER PENALTY OF FINE AND IMPRISONMENT ACCORDING TO THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.

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NIGHT LEAD RHEE
BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD

SEOUL, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30 (AP)-PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE IN A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE YESTERDAY CALLED ON THE ALLIES TO END TALKS "FOREDOOMED TO BE FRUITLESS" WITH THE COMMUNISTS AND "RISE WITH US . . . FOR THE LAST GREAT BATTLE TO ANNIHILATE THE RED FORCES."

THE MESSAGE TO THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE RENEWED THE 79-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE TO REUNITE KOREA "JUST AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN."

RHEE DECLARED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FAILURE OF PRELIMINARY TALKS TO ARRANGE A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE "WAS FINAL."

"IF THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT STRONG STAND," HE SAID, "WE SHALL NEVER HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREPARE FOR A POLITICAL (PEACE) CONFERENCE THAT IS FOREDOOMED TO BE FRUITLESS."

KENNETH YOUNG, U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT ASIA EXPERT WHO NOW HEADS THE ALLIED TEAM TO ARRANGE THE PEACE CONFERENCE, TOLD NEWSMEN IN SEOUL HE REGARDED RHEE'S PREDICTION ON THE PERMANENT BREAKDOWN OF THE TALKS AS "LARGELY A MATTER OF SPECULATION."

"BUT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE GIVEN EVERY INDICATION THEY DO NOT WANT A POLITICAL PEACE CONFERENCE," YOUNG ADDED.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES AND THE U.N. HAVE "NOT ABANDONED THEIR OBJECTIVE" OF CONVENING A POLITICAL CONFERENCE TO SEEK THE ALLIED GOAL OF A FREE, INDEPENDENT AND UNIFIED KOREA.

"I BELIEVE PRESIDENT RHEE'S COMMENT WAS LARGELY A MATTER OF SPECULATION," YOUNG SAID. "WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO OR THREE OR FOUR? TIME MAY PROVE WHAT PRESIDENT RHEE SAID IS CORRECT BUT WHO CAN TELL NOW?"

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RHEE BITTERLY BLAMED SUCCESSIVE COMMUNIST REGIMES---RUSSIAN, NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE--FOR A "CALCULATED POLICY OF GENOCIDE" WHICH HE SAID HAD SHRUNK THE POPULATION OF NORTH KOREA FROM SEVEN MILLION IN 1945 TO FEWER THAN THREE MILLION NOW. HE ASSERTED THE COMMUNIST REGIMES HAD REFUSED ALL OFFERS OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICINE FOR THE DESTITUTE POPULATION.

THREE ASKED THE NORTH KOREANS TO "PERSEVERE A LITTLE LONGER" IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.

"WE IN THE SOUTH PLEDGE AGAIN THAT WE SHALL DO OUR BEST, JUST AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, TO RESCUE THOSE IN THE NORTH FROM THE AWFUL DEATH PIT WHICH TRAPS THEM," HE SAID.

THE PRESIDENT SAID SOUTH KOREA HAD GONE ALONG WITH THE ALLIES WHO "HAVE TAKEN THE TEMPORARY VIEW THAT KOREAN UNIFICATION MIGHT BE ACHIEVED PEACEFULLY AT A POLITICAL CONFERENCE."

"UNCONDITIONAL OPPOSITION TO THIS POINT OF VIEW WOULD HAVE ALIENATED US FROM WORLD SYMPATHY AND ALSO WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED OUR RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS OVERSEAS," HE SAID. "CONSEQUENTLY, WE AGREED TO A TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE AND PROMISED TO REFRAIN FROM UNILATERAL ACTION FOR 90 DAYS AFTER THE CONVENING OF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE."

THEN RHEE TOOK UP THE BROKEN-OFF PRELIMINARY TALKS WHICH WERE HELD IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE A PEACE CONFERENCE.

"MR. ARTHUR DEAN, SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FROM THE UNITED STATES, MET WITH THE COMMUNIST DELEGATES AT PANMUNJOM FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS, ONLY TO FIND THAT IN THE END THE COMMUNISTS NEVER COULD BE PERSUADED BY WORDS, NO MATTER HOW RATIONAL AND JUSTIFIABLE," RHEE SAID.

"THE PRELIMINARY TALKS WERE THEREUPON CALLED OFF AN THE AMBASSADOR HAD TO LEAVE FOR HOME. I BELIEVE THAT THE FAILURE OF THE PRELIMINARY TALKS CAN BE REGARDEDAS FINAL."

RHEE THANKED THE ALLIES FOR THE AID GIVEN TO SOUTH KOREA AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE SACRIFICES MADE THUS FAR.

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"NOW TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THOSE SACRIFICES SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN," HE ADDED, "WE CALL UPON THEM TO CONCLUDE FUTILE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS AND TO RISE WITH US IN COURAGE AND VALOR FOR THE LAST GREAT BATTLE TO ANNIHILATE THE RED FORCES WHO SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FREE WORLD."

MEANWHILE, THE PEIPING RED RADIO DISPLAYED INCREASING NERVOUSNESS OVER JAN. 22---THE DATE THE ALLIES SAY ALL PRISONERS MUST BE FREED. A BROADCAST SAID THE 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS WHO REFUSED REPATRIATION MAY TRY A "MASS BREAKOUT" THEN.

THE BROADCAST QUOTED TWO RETURNED PRISONERS AS SAYING THAT THE CAPTIVES HAD RECEIVED ORDERS FOR THE BREAKOUT FROM ALLIED "AGENTS" IN THE CAMP.

A MAJORITY REPORT BY THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION SIGNED BY INDIA, RED POLAND AND COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA ACCUSED SOUTH KOREA OF WRECKING THE REPATRIATION EXPLANATIONS THROUGH THE CONTROL OF AGENTS INSIDE THE PRISONER COMPOUNDS. A MINORITY REPORT BY SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND BLAMED THE REDS FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF THE EXPLANATION PROGRAM.

RHEE PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE MAJORITY CHARGES. EARLIER, HOWEVER, HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, PYUN YUNG TAI, SLAPPED AT INDIA FOR SIDING WITH THE TWO COMMUNIST MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE COMMISSION.

"WE ARE NOT SURPRISED," SAID PYUN AT A NEWS CONFERENCE. "WE KNOW INDIA WILL SIDE WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES."

IN TOKYO IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ALLIED AND COMMUNIST COMMANDS HAVE AGREED TO EXCHANGE CIVILIAN REFUGEES STARTING NEXT MARCH 1 AT PANMUNJOM. TO BE LEIGIBLE FOR EXCHANGE A KOREAN CIVILIAN MUST HAVE LIVED NORTH OR SOUTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BEFORE JUNE 25, 1950, WHEN THE KOREAN WAR BROKE OUT, AND SWITCHED AREAS DURING THE LONG SEE-SAW STRUGGLE.

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BUDGET
POWS-KOREA (400)

PANMUNJOM, DEC. 29 (AP)-SOUTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY ASSAILED INDIA FOR BACKING A REPORT BLAMING SOUTH KOREA FOR SABOTAGING THE EXPLANATIONS TO BALKY WAR PRISONERS.

"WE ARE NOT SURPRISED," FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI DECLARED, "BECAUSE WE KNOW INDIA WILL SIDE WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES."

PYUN'S ATTACK WAS THE OPENING BLOW OF AN EXPECTED SOUTH KOREAN THUNDERCLAP AGAINST INDIA'S NEUTRALITY IN THE TOUCHY PRISONER SITUATION.

INDIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIVE NATION REPATRIATION COMMISSION, SIDED WITH POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN A MAJORITY REPORT THAT ACCUSED SOUTH KOREA OF CONTROLLING COMPOUNDS HOUSING MORE THAN 22,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE WAR PRISONERS.

ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THE ANTI-RED PRISONERS EVER MET COMMUNIST PERSUASION TEAMS IN THE 90-DAY EXPLANATION PERIOD. THOSE THAT DID REJECTED RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

A MINORITY REPORT BY SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND BLAMED COMMUNIST EXPLANATION TEAMS FOR DRAGGING OUT THE INTERVIEWS SOMETIMES AS LONG

AS FIVE HOURS.
PYUN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN SEOUL HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WENT ON BEHIND THE PRISON COMPOUNDS IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE BUT ADDED, "I DO NOT THINK THE COMMUNIST CHARGES ARE FULLY FOUNDED."
HE SAID COMMUNISTS WERE BACKING AWAY FROM A KOREAN POLITICAL CONFERENCE BECAUSE IT WOULD THEN MAKE THE RELEASE OF UNREPATRIATED PRISONERS ON JAN. 22 "LOOK LIKE A FAULTY PROCEDURE."
THE COMMUNIST HIGH COMMAND MAINTAINS THAT AFTER A FULL 90 DAYS OF EXPLANATIONS ANY PRISONERS REMAINING SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE FOR DISPOSITION. NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD SETTING UP A POLITICAL CONFERENCE ARE AT A STANDSTILL.

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THE U.N. COMMAND MAINTAINS THE ARMISTICE PROVIDES THAT ALL UNREPATRIATED POWS BE RELEASED AS CIVILIANS JAN. 22--30 DAYS AFTER THE EXPLANATION PERIOD ENDED DEC. 23.
PYUN SAID HE DOUBTED THE SINCERITY OF "AN INDIAN GENTLEMAN"--APPARENTLY LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA--WHEN THIMAYYA SAID INDIA WOULD LOSE LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE PRISONERS AFTER JAN. 22. THIMAYYA IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NNRC.
PYUN DECLARED HE WAS CERTAIN THE UNITED STATES, U.N. COMMAND AND SOUTH KOREA WILL STAND BY THE JAN. 22 RELEASE DATE.
BOTH THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY COMMISSION REPORTS REFERRED THE DISPOSITION OF THE PRISONERS BACK TO THE COMMUNIST AND ALLIED COMMANDS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.
AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID IF THE TWO SIDES DO NOT REACH AN AGREEMENT BY JAN. 22, "WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHT TO HOLD THEM." HE SAID THE PROBLEM MAY BE LAID BEFORE THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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TOKYO, DEC 29 (AP)-THE U.N. AND COMMUNIST COMMANDS AGREED TODAY TO BEGIN EXCHANGING CIVILIAN REFUGEES NEXT MARCH 1 AT PANMUNJOM.
MOST OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS ARE KOREANS WANTING TO GO NORTH OR SOUTH, A NUMBER BELIEVED TO RUN INTO THE THOUSANDS. ONLY A FEW FOREIGNERS ARE EXPECTED TO ASK FOR EXCHANGE. THESE MAY NUMBER A FEW MISSIONARIES AND CHINESE TRADERS CAUGHT IN KOREA WHEN THE WAR STARTED.
A U.N. COMMAND ANNOUNCEMENT SAID AGREEMENT ON THE PLAN WAS WORKED OUT TODAY AT A SHORT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTING THE RETURN OF DISPLACED CIVILIANS.
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXCHANGE, A KOREAN CIVILIAN MUST HAVE LIVED NORTH OR SOUTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BEFORE JUNE 25, 1950--THE DAY THE KOREAN WAR BROKE OUT--AND HAVE SWITCHED AREAS DURING THE CONFLICT.
ORIGINALLY, THE U.N. COMMAND ASKED THAT 500 CIVILIANS A DAY BE EXCHANGED, INDICATING IT EXPECTS MANY NORTH KOREANS WHO WERE SWEPT SOUTH DURING THE FIGHTING TO ASK TO GO BACK TO THE COMMUNIST-RULED NORTH. EVENTUALLY IT WAS AGREED TO EXCHANGE 100 A DAY.
NO DATE WAS SET FOR THE END OF THE OPERATION.
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TAYLOR (200)
SEOUL, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30 (AP)-GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR STOOD IN A SNOW-COVERED KOREAN VALLEY TODAY AND TOLD 8TH ARMY SOLDIERS HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TWO U.S. DIVUSIONS WOULD BE LEAVING KOREA OR WHERE OR WHEN THEY WOULD GO.
"THE DECISION TO TRANSFER TWO DIVISIONS OUT," HE SAID, "WAS A HIGH-LEVEL MOVE AND I DO NOT HAVE THE DETAILS. IT MAY BE WEEKS OR MONTHS BEFORE THE TRANSFER IS MADE."
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT THE TWO DIVISIONS WOULD BE PULLED OUT.
"DON'T LISTEN TO RUMORS," TAYLOR TOLD TROOPS OF THE U.S. 25TH DIVISION'S 27TH REGIMENT. "AS SOON AS WE GET AUTHORITATIVE NEWS FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW."
TAYLOR SAID HE THOUGHT THAT AFTER THE DIVISIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED WERE KNOWN THE "FAIR WAY TO DO IT WOULD BE TO SEND OUT THE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN OUT HERE ABOUT 16 MONTHS AND TRANSFER THE SHORT-TIMERS FROM THE DIVISIONS TO OTHER DIVISIONS THAT ARE STAYING."
"BUT I DON'T KNOW YET THAT WILL BE THE PROCEDURE," HE SAID.
TAYLOR ADDRESSED THE FAMED "WOLFHOUND" REGIMENT DURING A SERIES OF TALKS ACROSS THE BATTLEFRONT.
"SOMETIMES WHEN YOU SIT OUT THERE ON THE FROZEN HILLTOP WITH A HARD NORTH WIND BLOWING YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE THE FORGOTTEN MEN," THE GENERAL SAID. "BUT WE KNOW THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN US."
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TOKYO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30 (AP)-THE ARREST OF A JAPANESE NEWSREEL CAMERAMAN BY SOUTH KOREAN POLICE PROMPTED JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS TODAY TO TEMPORARILY CALL BACK ALL THEIR CORRESPONDENTS FROM KOREA.
NORMALLY, ABOUT SIX CORRESPONDENTS ARE ASSIGNED TO KOREA BY THE MAJOR JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS, WIRE SERVICES AND RADIO STATIONS.
THE FOREIGN EDITORS OF THE JAPANESE PAPERS PULLED BACK THEIR MEN FOR NEW YEAR'S VACATIONS. THEY ADOPTED A WAIT-AND-SEE POLICY IN THE CASE OF AKIRA SHIRAISHI, UNITED PRESS MOVIETONE NEWSREEL PHOTOGRAPHER WHO HAS BEEN HELD IN VIRTUAL ISOLATION SINCE DEC. 26 ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULTING A KOREAN.
SHIRAISHI WAS PERMITTED HIS FIRST VISITOR LAST NIGHT. HE SAID HE WAS RECEIVING GOOD TREATMENT.
THE U. S. 8TH ARMY SAYS IT HAS NO JURISDICTION BECAUSE JAPAN DOES NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH KOREA.
KAZUO TSUSHIMA OF THE INFLUENCIAL NEWSPAPER ASAHI SAID JAPANESE NEWSMEN WERE EXTREMELY RELUCANT TO REMAIN IN KOREA WITHOUT OFFICIAL PROTECTION.
THE JAPANESE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND SOUTH KOREA NEWS CONFERENCES. THE SOUTH KOREANS SAY THE JAPANESE ARE ADMITTED SOLELY BECAUSE THEY ARE ACCREDITED TO THE U. N. FORCES, AND CONSEQUENTLY SHOULD RESTRICT THEIR COVERAGE TO ACTIVITIES OF THE U. N. COMMAND.
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BY SEYMOUR TOPPING
LONDON, DEC.29 (AP)-THE CHINESE COMMUNIST RADIO TODAY ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF ARMING THAI TROOPS FOR INTERVENTION IN THE INDOCHINA WAR.
THE PEIPING PROPAGANDA BLAST CAME AS COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH FORCES PARTIALLY ARMED BY RED CHINA THRUST ACROSS THE NARROW WAIST OF INDOCHINA AND DROVE TO THE BORDERS OF THAILAND.
PREMIER PHIBULSONGGRAM'S THAI GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE NINE NORTHEAST PROVINCES FRONTING THE LAOTIAN REGION SEIZED BY THE VIETMINH.
THE PEIPING BROADCAST OF A DISPATCH ATTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNIST NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REFERRED TO WHAT IT CALLED PRESS REPORTS THE UNITED STATES MAY STEP UP ITS MILITARY AID PROGRAM FOR THAILAND AND DECLARED:
"THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE A FURTHER STEP IN THE U.S. CONSPIRACY OF INTERFERENCE IN VIETNAM BY SENDING IT THAI TROOPS."
AT THE OUTSET, THE PEIPING RADIO SAID IN WHAT WAS PRESENTED AS A ROUTINE NEWS REPORT:
"MORE THAI TROOPS TO HELP U.S. INTERFERENCE IN THE INDOCHINA WAR IS THE OPENLY DECLARED PURPOSE BEHIND THE RECENT WASHINGTON REPORTS OF AID TO THAILAND.
"IT IS RECALLED THAT NOT LONG AGO THE THAI GOVERNMENT PROVIDED 2,000 RIFLES TO THE PUPPET CAMBODIAN REGIME IN INDOCHINA. AS EVERY ONE KNOWS. ALL THAI WEAPONS COME FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT."

THAILAND HAS BEEN RECEIVING U.S. MILITARY SUPPLIES TO BOLSTER ITS DEFENSES SINCE 1951, UNDER A MUTUAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PACT.

CAMBODIA WITH VIETNAM AND LAOS MAKE UP THE THREE STATES OF INDOCHINA WHERE FRENCH UNION FORCES ARE BATTLING THE PEIPING-SUPPLIED VIETMINH FORCES OF COMMUNIST LEADER HO CHI MINH.

THE PEIPING ATTACK ON TAHILAND RAISED SPECULATION HERE THAT THE REDS MAY BE PAVING THE WAY FOR SOME MOVE AGAINST THAT RICE RICH PRO-WESTERN COUNTRY.

WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES WERE INCLINED TO DISCOUNT A DIRECT INVASION BUT DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VIETMINH SETTING UP A COMMUNIST-DOMINATED "FREE THAI" MOVEMENT IN THE BORDER REGION THEY HAVE SEIZED.

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INDOCHINA

PARIS, DEC. 29 (AP)-A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DISCOUNTED TODAY THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THE VIETMINH INVASION OF LAOS. HE ALSO THREW COLD WATER ON A SUGGESTION IN THE PARIS NEWSPAPER LE MONDE THAT FRANCE SHOULD ASK THE UNITED STATES TO SEND TROOPS TO INDOCHINA, NOW CUT IN HALF BY THE COMMUNIST-LED MOVE.

DISPATCHES FROM SAIGON SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO GROUND CONTACT BETWEEN VIETMINH AND FRENCH UNION FORCES IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE FRENCH SPECULATED THAT THE VIETMINH DIVISION INVOLVED IN THE PUSH WAS REGROUPING, PERHAPS FOR AN ATTACK SOUTHWARD ON SENO, THE ONLY FRENCH STRONG POINT IN LAOS. IT IS THE SITE OF THE ONLY AIRFIELD LARGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE TRANSPORT PLANES AND BOMBERS.

DONALD HEATH, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON, ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING NEWSPAPER SPECULATION THERE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SEND TO INDOCHINA THE TWO DIVISIONS IT IS WITHDRAWING FROM KOREA. HEATH RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT EISENHOWER SAID AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN THE FAR EAST IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO PROVIDE SECURITY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN REFUTED REPORTS FRANCE WAS CONSIDERING ASKING FOR AMERICAN TROOPS, SAYING, "THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN IT, AND I CAN DENY IT COMPLETELY."

HE DECLARED THAT THE BEST REASON THE FRENCH WOULD NOT ASK FOR AMERICAN TROOPS IN INDOCHINA IS THAT THEY ARE NOT NEEDED.

"THE SITUATION IS NOT AT ALL THAT BAD," HE SAID. "THE DRIVE INTO LAOS IS MORE IMPORTANT POLITICALLY THAN IT IS MILITARILY OR STRATEGICALLY. THERE JUST IS NOT NEED FOR MORE TROOPS NOW."

IN WASHINGTON U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES HINTED THAT AMERICAN SEA AND AIR FORCES WILL RETALIATE DIRECTLY IF RED CHINA OPENLY INTERVENES IN INDOCHINA. DULLES TOLDA NEWS CONFERENCE HE WAS CONFIDENT, MEANWHILE, THAT AVAILABLE FRENCH AND NATIVE FORCES IN INDOCHINA WILL DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE NEW VIETMINH DRIVE ACROSS LAOS.

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER RENE PLEVEN REPEATED ONLY YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE INTENDS TO CUT THE SIZE OF HER FORCES IN INDOCHINA FROM 180,000 TO 165,000 MEN WHILE BUILDING UP THE SIZE OF INDOCHINESE NATIVE FORCES.

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IN THE INDOCHINA WAR CASUALTIES ARE HEAVIEST AMONG ROOPS FROM OVERSEAS TERRITORIES --INDOCHINESE AND NORTH AND WEST AFRICAN SOLDIERS. THE CASUALTY FIGURES FOR 1952 WERE: FRENCH SOLDIERS, KILLED DIED, OR MISSING, 1,860; FOREIGN LEGION TROOPS, 1,331; AFRICANS, 2,718; INDO-CHINESE, 7,849.

REPORTS FROM NORTHEASTERN THAILAND RECEIVED IN BANGKOK SAID MOST OF THE VIETMINH TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THAKHEK, THE LAOTIAN TOWN ON THE THAILAND BORDER WHERE THE COMMUNISTS HALTED THEIR 100-MILE THRUST FROM THE ANNAM COAST. THE BANGKOK DISPATCHES SAID THE VIETMINH WERE APPARENTLY LYING IN WAIT OUTSIDE THE TOWN TO TRAP FRENCH FORCES IF THEY RETURNED.

THAILAND, ALARMED AT THE VIETMINH MOVE, HAS MOBILIZED TROOPS ALONG THE FRONTIER. AFTER AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION YESTERDAY THE THAI

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CABINET ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT WAS CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY EMERGENCY WHICH MIGHT ARISE FROM THE SITUATION.

THE BANGKOK ADVICES SAID THE VIETMINH LEFT ONLY A SMALL GUARD IN THE SMOULDERING RUINS OF THAKHEK, WHICH THE FRENCH HAD FIRED BEFORE THEY GOT OUT. FROM THE THAILAND SIDE HARDLY ANY MOVEMENT COULD BE NOTICED IN THE TOWN.

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NIGHT LEAD CLARK (350)

PARIS, DEC.29 (AP)-WILLIAM CLARK, SUSPENDED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM IN GERMANY, STEPPED JAUNTILY OFF A PLANE FROM SPAIN TODAY AND TOLD NEWSMEN HE WAS "BLOODY BUT UNBOWED" BY STATE DEPARTMENT MEASURES TO FORCE HIM HOME.

CLARK SAID THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL IN MADRID, ROBERT HALE, PICKED UP HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WHILE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE VACATIONING IN SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS. HALE SUBSTITUTED A STRICTLY LIMITED REGULAR PASSPORT.

THE NEW PASSPORT IS GOOD FOR JUST ONE DIRECT TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. CLARK DECLARED HALE TOLD HIM HE RAN THE RISK OF ARREST IF HE REFUSED TO MAKE THE CHANGE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON DENIED ANY JAIL THREAT WAS INVOLVED.

THE WEALTHY JURIST FROM PRINCETON, N.J., WAS SUSPENDED DEC.9 WHEN HE REFUSED AN ORDER TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO DISMISSAL JAN.8 FOR WHAT THE DEPARTMENT CALLED ECONOMY REASONS. A CRITIC OF U.S. HIGH COMMISSION POLICIES IN GERMANY, CLARK CHARGED THE REAL REASON FOR THE RECALL WAS HIS REFUSAL TO TAKE STATE DEPARTMENT ORDERS AND HIS ATTEMPTS TO UPHOLD AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY.

SPURNING THE RETURN ORDER, HE AND HIS WIFE TOOK OFF FOR THE CANARIES, SPANISH TERRITORY OFF AFRICA, FOR A VACATION.

"THE CONSUL GENERAL CAME DOWN TO SEE ME," CLARK SAID TODAY, "AND TOLD ME I HAD TO SURRENDER MY DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND IF I DIDN'T THE POLICE WOULD BE ADVISED AND I'D BE PUT IN JAIL, SO NATURALLY I SURRENDERED THE PASSPORT."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION BLOCKED CLARK'S PLAN TO RETURN TO GERMANY AND CONTINUE SITTING AS A JUDGE DESPITE HIS SUSPENSION.

IN BONN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAWYERS IN EUROPE CRITICIZED THE PASSPORT SHIFT AS "DRASTIC ACTION." HE SAID "THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A MAN IN HIS (CLARK'S) POSITION."

A HIGH COMMISSION SPOKESMAN IN BONN SAID CLARK WAS "NO LONGER ENTITLED TO A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AS HE IS UNDER SUSPENSION AND TRAVEL

ENTITLED TO A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AS HE IS UNDER SUSPENSION AND TRAVELING FOR PLEASURE CONTRARY TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTIONS."

CLARK WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT HERE BY HIS SON, BLAIR, A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM.

"I AM JUDGE CLARK, GENTLEMEN," HE CALLED OUT AS HE STEPPED FROM THE PLANE. THEN HE ISSUED THIS STATEMENT:

"PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, STATE DEPARTMENT, CLARK, HIS HEAD BLOODY BUT UNBOWED, AND ANY FURTHER COMMENT WILL HAVE TO AWAIT HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK."

CLARK SAID HE WAS SAILING FOR THE UNITED STATES THURSDAY IN THE QUEEN MARY. HIS WIFE WILL RETURN TO GERMANY TO WIND UP THEIR AFFAIRS THERE.

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC.29 (AP)-THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSN. OF AMERICAN LAWYERS IN EUROPE CRITICIZED THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY FOR GIVING SUSPENDED CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM CLARK OF GERMANY ONE-WAY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES WHILE HE WAS VACATIONING IN THE CANARY ISLANDS.

ATTORNEY FRANKLIN POTTER OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. TERMED IT "DRASTIC ACTION" AND DECLARED: "THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A BETTER WAY TO HAVE HANDLED IT."

POTTER TOLD REPORTERS THAT "AFTER ALL, JUDGE CLARK RANKED SECOND (TO U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER JAMES CONANT) IN GERMANY. THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A MAN OF HIS POSITION."

JUDGE CLARK WAS SUSPENDED AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE U.S. APPEALS COURT IN GERMANY DEC.9 AFTER HE IGNORED A STATE DEPARTMENT ORDER TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO DISMISSAL FOR ECONOMY REASONS.

AFTER DECLARING HE INTENDED TO REMAIN ON THE JOB ANYWAY, SINCE HE BELIEVED HE WAS DISMISSED BECAUSE HE REFUSED "TO TAKE STATE DEPARTMENT ORDERS," JUDGE CLARK AND HIS WIFE LEFT FOR SPAIN ON VACATION.

SHE WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO GERMANY TO CLOSE UP HIS OFFICE AND THEIR HOME. THE CLARKS LEFT MADRID TODAY FOR THE UNITED STATES VIA PARIS.

U.S. CONSUL GENERAL ROBERT HALE PICKED UP JUDGE CLARK'S DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AT LAS PALMAS IN THE CANARY ISLANDS AND GAVE HIM A REGULAR PASSPORT VALID ONLY FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.

A U.S. HIGH COMMISSION SPOKESMAN AT BONN SAID JUDGE CLARK WAS "NO LONGER ENTITLED TO A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AS HE IS UNDER SUSPENSION AND TRAVELLING FOR PLEASURE CONTRARY TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTIONS."

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PARIS, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE 18-NATION ORGANIZATION FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION (OEEC) REPORTED TODAY THAT WEST GERMANY LED WESTERN EUROPE DURING 1953 IN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT AND PRODUCTION.

THE ORGANIZATION'S YEAR-END REVIEW OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC TRENDS SAID WEST GERMAN RECOVERY HAD BEEN "CONSIDERABLE" AND ITS OUTPUT INCREASES WERE "CLEARLY SUPERIOR TO THAT OF OTHER LARGE COUNTRIES."

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC SITUATION ALSO IMPROVED IN A "STRIKING MANNER," THE REPORT SAID, AND ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION GAINED ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT. FRENCH OUTPUT DROPPED.

OEEC SAID THAT WEST GERMANY NOT ONLY INCREASED HER OVERALL PRODUCTION BUT ALSO RAISED THE LEVEL OF HER INVESTMENTS AND HER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONSUMPTION.

THE STILL-OCCUPIED NATION ALSO GREATLY CONSOLIDATED HER CURRENCY POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THE REPORT WENT ON.

AS TO BRITAIN, OEEC REPORTED THAT AFTER TWO YEARS OF RELATIVE STAGNATION, PRODUCTION IS INCREASING AND UNEMPLOYMENT IS ON THE DOWNGRADE.

THE ISLAND NATION'S POSITION IN WORLD TRADE WAS REPORTED APPROACHING A BALANCE AFTER HAVING BEEN DANGEROUSLY IN DEFICIT IN 1951.

ITALY, ACCORDING TO OEEC, HAD BEEN AIDED CONSIDERABLY BY THE OPENING OF THE SIX-NATION SCHUMAN ORGANIZATION'S COMMON MARKET FOR STEEL AND COAL. A MEMBER OF THE GROUP, ITALY IMPORTS MOST OF WHAT IT USES OF BOTH BASIC INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES.

BUT OEEC ADDED THAT ITALY STILL NEEDS HELP IN COPING WITH HER SURPLUS MANPOWER AND CONSEQUENT UNEMPLOYMNT AND IN DEVELOPING THE IMPOVERISHED SOUTHERN END OF HER PENINSULA.

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A114 (200)

PARIS, DEC.28 (AP)-A GOOD MAJORITY OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE CONSIDER THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN ARMY TREATY (EDC) AN "ACCEPTABLE" MEANS OF DEFENDING WESTERN EUROPE, A POLL OF FRENCH NEWSPAPERS SHOWED TODAY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE "SERVICE DES SONDAGES ET STATISTIQUES," A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, THROUGH QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO REPRESENTATIVE NEWSPAPERS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY, WHICH PUBLISHED THE RESULTS, SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. THE COMMUNISTS ARE BITTERLY OPPOSED TO THE EDC.

IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ON THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EDC--CURRENTLY AN EXTREMELY HOT ISSUE IN FRENCH POLITICS--ONLY 19 PER CENT REPLIED THAT IT WAS A "GOOD" PROJECT. BUT 47 PER CENT SAID IT WAS "ACCEPTABLE", AND 26 PER CENT DESCRIBED IT AS "BAD". THE REMAINING 8 PER CENT GAVE NO ANSWER.

OTHER REPLIES SHOWED THAT MOST FRENCHMEN BELIEVE BRITAIN MUST BE SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH THE EDC. THIS IS ALSO AN ISSUE IN FRENCH POLITICS BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH PARLIAMENT HAS TIED TO EVENTUAL RATIFICATION OF THE EDC.

OTHER QUESTIONS AND REPLIES SHOWED THAT MOST FRENCHMEN BELIEVE GERMAN REARMAMENT ADVANTAGEOUS FOR FRANCE, THAT THE FRENCH TERRITORIES OVERSEAS MUST BE LINKED WITH EDC, AND THAT WEST EUROPE'S FUTURE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE A LIMITED TYPE OF COMMUNITY OR LOOSE CONFEDERATION RATHER THAN A FEDERATION.

SIGNIFICANTLY, ALL WHO REPLIED BELIEVED THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF POLITICAL CHANGE IN WEST EUROPE.

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AMS BUDGET (450)

NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS

BY TOM REEDY

BERLIN, DEC.29 (AP)-A LITTLE WEARY BUT IN FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH, TWO AMERICANS CAME BACK TO THE FREE WEST TODAY AFTER YEARS IN SOVIET PRISON CAMPS. THEY IMMEDIATELY WANTED TO KNOW WHO WON THE 1953 WORLD SERIES AND OTHER NEWS.

RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES RELEASED PVT. HOMER H.COX, 33, OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., AND LELAND TOWERS, 28, A MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AT THEIR EAST BERLIN HEADQUARTERS. THE ACTION CAME AFTER MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE DEPARTMENT WAS VERY HAPPY THAT IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE THEIR RELEASE.

U.S. ARMY OFFICERS BROUGHT THE PAIR, UNSHAVEN AND OTHERWISE IN NEED OF BARBERING, TO THE AMERICAN SECTOR. THERE THEY WERE TAKEN IN TOW BY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHO MADE IT CLEAR NEITHER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT OR PHOTOGRAPHS UNTIL THEIR CASES ARE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

COX, A MILITARY POLICEMAN ASSIGNED TO WEST BERLIN, DISAPPEARED SEPT.22, 1949. BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS IN THEIR SECTOR OF THE CITY, HE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON THE ROLLS AS ABSENT WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE.

TOWERS FELL INTO RUSSIAN HANDS IN FINLAND IN 1951 WHILE ON SHORE LEAVE FROM HIS SHIP.

WHEREABOUTS OF BOTH MEN WERE A MYSTERY UNTIL GROUPS OF GERMAN, AUSTRIAN AND DUTCH PRISONERS OF WAR WERE RELEASED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN THE SOVIET AMNESTY OF MEN THE RUSSIANS CALLED MINOR WAR CRIMINALS. THEY CAME TO THE WEST WITH STORIES THAT COX AND TOWERS HAD BOTH BEEN SEEN IN A PRISON CAMP NORTH OF MOSCOW. AN AUSTRIAN SAID IN VIENNA HE SAW THEM LATER AT SOVIET CAMP SVERDLOV 6118 NEAR RYBINSK, WHERE THE RUSSIANS USUALLY ASSEMBLE THOSE WHO ARE TO BE RELEASED.

WHEN THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO AMERICAN LIAISON OFFICERS THIS AFTERNOON, COX AND TOWERS WORE DARK GREY TROUSERS AND BLACK QUILTED JACKETS. AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID:

"THEY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AT BEING BACK. THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHO WON THE WORLD SERIES AND ALSO WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT. APPARENTLY BOTH OF THEM KNEW ABOUT MR.EISENHOWER."

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THEY WERE QUICKLY ADVISED THE NEW YORK YANKEES AND RICHARD NIXON WERE THE WINNERS.

THE MEN TOOK AMERICAN CIGARETTES WITH ALACRITY, BUT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY BETWEEN PUFFS AS THEY RODE FROM EAST BERLIN TO THE U.S. MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS. AS A FORMER MP, COX WAS A PARTICULAR CONCERN OF THE MILITARY POLICE. U.S. CONSUL NORMAN K.PRATT JOINED THE GROUP TO HANDLE THE CASE OF TOWERS BECAUSE HE IS A CIVILIAN.

WHETHER COX WILL FACE A COURT MARTIAL FOR HIS ABSENCE IS YET TO BENFETERMINED. ARMY INVESTIGATORS WITHHELD ANY INFORMATION ON THE STORIES COX AND TOWERS TOLD THEM.

THE INTERROGATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THURSDAY, WHEN BOTH ARE TO BE GIVEN FULL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. AFTER THAT, THE ARMY INDICATED THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

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WITH BERLIN

OKLAHOMA CITY, DEC 29 (AP)-THE PARENTS OF HOMER COX, ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS RELEASED BY THE RUSSIANS TODAY, WERE SEPARATED BY DIVORCE BUT BOTH REACTED IN TRUE FAMILY SPIRIT WHEN INFORMED OF THE GOOD NEWS.

COX'S MOTHER, MRS. EDITH SPENCER, IS EMPLOYED AT A PHARMACEUTICAL SHOP HERE AND FELLOW WORKERS SAID SHE WAS TOO OVERJOYED AND TORN UP TO TALK TO REPORTERS IMMEDIATELY.

HOWEVER, YESTERDAY WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT COX'S RELEASE WAS IMMINENT SHE EXPRESSED HAPPINESS ADDING, "OF COURSE, I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR MORE AND I CAN'T GET MY HOPES BUILT UP TOO MUCH."

THE FATHER, PETE COX, A FIREMAN IN LAWTON, OKLA., WAS ALMOST TOO HAPPY TO TALK BUT DID MANAGE TO SAY: "OH, MAN ISN'T THAT SOMETHING. I CAN HARDLY TAKE IT."

HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD LET HIM KNOW ABOUT PLANS FOR HIS SON'S RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

HE SAID COX PROBABLY WOULD VISIT IN OKLAHOMA CITY WITH HIS MOTHER AND THEN VISIT HIM IN LAWTON. THE ELDER COX SAID HIS SON ALSO WOULD VISIT AN OLDER BROTHER, HARPER COX, AND HIS FAMILY IN HOUSTON.

PVT. COX WAS BORN IN CHICKASHA BUT ARMY RECORDS LIST HIS HOME AS TULSA BECAUSE HE ENLISTED THERE WHEN HIS MOTHER RESIDED IN THE NORTH-EAST OKLAHOMA CITY. SHE LATER MOVED TO OKLAHOMA CITY.

COX SERVED IN THE NAVY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AFTER WORLD WAR II IN NEW YORK. COX'S FATHER SAID HIS SON WAS 29 AND NOT 33 AS LISTED BY THE ARMY.

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WITH BERLIN PRISONERS (180)

BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 29 (AP)-A GERMAN RED CROSS EXECUTIVE SAID TONIGHT THAT THE BULK OF AN ESTIMATED 1,270,000 GERMAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS IN WORLD WAR II "ARE NO LONGER ALIVE."

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER RED CROSS OFFICIALS CAREFULLY QUESTIONED THE LATEST GROUP OF GERMAN PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN RETURNED AFTER YEARS IN CAPTIVITY IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THE EXECUTIVE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE: "IT IS TIME TO TELL THE TRUTH TO THE RELATIVES OF MISSING GERMAN SOLDIERS." HE SAID INTERROGATION OF RETURNED PRISONERS "PROVES CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE BULK OF THE MISSING GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE NO LONGER ALIVE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR YEARS RELATIVES OF POWS HAVE CLUNG TO THE BELIEF THAT THEY WERE HELD IN RUSSIAN CAMPS WHERE THEY WERE NOT PERMITTED TO WRITE HOME.

"THESE 'SILENT' CAMPS DO NOT EXIST," THE RED CROSS EXECUTIVE DECLARED.

HE ESTIMATED THAT 133,000 GERMANS ARE STILL HELD BY THE SOVIETS. HE DID NOT BREAK DOWN THE FIGURES AS TO HOW MANY WERE SOLDIERS AND HOW MANY CIVILIANS.

WALTER HALLSTEIN, WEST GERMAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID DURING A RECENT VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES THAT GERMAN FAMILIES ARE NOW IN CONTACT BY MAIL WITH MORE THAN 11,500 POWS STILL HELD BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

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BERLIN, DEC.29 (AP)-THE EAST GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID TONIGHT A NEW GROUP OF 1,043 GERMAN WAR PRISONERS WERE RETURNED FROM THE SOVIET UNION TODAY--THE SECOND THIS WEEK.

TWO DAYS AGO 1,449 REACHED THE EAST ZONE, AND 225 WERE RELEASED TO WEST GERMANY. THE OTHERS RETURNED TO RELATIVES IN BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE TWO GROUPS BROUGHT TO 8,500 THE TOTAL OF GERMAN WAR PRISONERS AND CIVILIANS FREED BY THE RUSSIANS SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST AUGUST OF AN AMNESTY TO MINOR WAR CRIMINALS.

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BERLIN, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE RUSSIANS HAVE PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE HOLIDAY SHOOTING OF A 16-YEAR-OLD WEST BERLIN YOUTH ON THE SOVIET ZONE AUTOBAHN, U.S. OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THE SOVIET REPLY CAME ONLY 24 HOURS AFTER THE WESTERN ALLIES PROTESTED THE INCIDENT.

"THIS IS UNUSUALLY PROMPT SERVICE," A U.S. HIGH COMMISSION SPOKESMAN DECLARED. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MESSAGE FROM SERGEI DENGIN, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST BERLIN TO U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH COMMANDANTS HERE, ALSO PROMISED THEY WOULD BE INFORMED OF RESULTS WHEN THE PROBE IS COMPLETED.

THE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAD DEMANDED PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF JOACHIM WOZNIAK AND THE WOUNDING OF THE YOUTH'S MOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE EAST-WEST AUTOBAHN JUST OUTSIDE WEST BERLIN.

THEY REPORTEDLY WERE SHOT BY SOVIT TOMMYGUNNERS AS THE CAR IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING NEARED A CHECKPOINT.

THE ALLIED COMMANDANTS ALSO DEMANDED THAT DAMAGES BE PAID TO THE FAMILY OF THE SLAIN YOUTH.

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1953

A79 (270)

WIESBADEN, GERMANY, DEC. 29 (AP)-MORE THAN 10,000 AMERICAN AIRMEN IN EUROPE WILL BE REPLACED BY EUROPEAN CIVILIANS UNDER A NEW ECONOMY PROGRAM. THE SWITCH WILL FREE ABOUT 36 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ACTIVATION OF NEW AIR FORCE WINGS IN THE UNITED STATES, U. S. AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS SAID TODAY.

A SIMILAR PROGRAM REPORTEDLY WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE U. S. FAR EASTERN AIR FORCE.

AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN EUROPE, 10,662 AIRMEN WILL BE REPLACED BY A TOTAL OF 8,611 CIVILIANS. THE REMAINING JOBS WILL BE ELIMINATED.

HE STRESSED THAT KEY AMERICAN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE CHANGED AND THAT THE PROGRAM WILL NOT REDUCE COMBAT READINESS OF AMERICAN FIR POWER IN EUROPE. OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THOUSANDS OF EUROPEAN CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AS U. S. AIR FORCE EMPLOYES FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE BUT THAT THE BULK IS DUE NEXT SUMMER.

THE AIR FORCE PLANS FOR THE SWITCH-OVER INCLUDE RETURN HOME OF THESE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS: BRITAIN 4,237, GERMANY 3,508, FRANCE 2,282, FRENCH MOROCCO 626, AUSTRIA 9.

ABOUT 20 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN EARMARKED BY THE AIR FORCE TO PAY THE NEW CIVILIAN WORKERS. AIR FORCE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE AVERAGE WAGE FOR THESE WORKERS IS ABOUT $1,500 A YEAR COMPARED WITH MORE THAN TWICE THAT MUCH FOR AMERICAN AIRMEN.

PAYMENT FOR THE WORKERS WILL BE MADE IN DOLLARS TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. THE WORKERS THEN WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN LOCAL CURRENCY.

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A120 (220)

FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC.29 (AP)-A FEW WEEKS BEFORE ZDENEK VOLF, YOUNG CZECH ANTI-COMMUNIST, MADE A DARING FLIGHT TO FREEDOM IN A STOLEN SPORTS PLANE, HE WAS PRAISED BY A COMMUNIST MAGAZINE IN PRAGUE AS A NATIONAL HERO, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY.

VOLF AND HIS FRIEND, JIRI WERTHEIMER, ESCAPED FROM PRAGUE TO BAVARIA LAST NOV.22, DEFYING BULLETS FROM RED BORDER GUARDS.

THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL HERE SAID TODAY IT HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE POPULAR CZECH PICTORIAL MAGAZINE KVETY, PUBLISHED BEFORE VOLF'S ESCAPE, WHICH PRAISES HIM AS A "MODEST CLEAN CUT BOY WHO, IN BARELY SEVEN YEARS OF FLYING, HAS BECOME ONE OF OUR BEST PILOTS."

THE MAGAZINE DISCLOSES THAT VOLF WON THE CZECH NATIONAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP BY SETTING A NEW NATIONAL DISTANCE RECORD OF 477 KILOMETERS AND THEN PASSED HIS AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER'S EXAMINATION WITH A "PERFECT" MARK.

IT DESCRIBED HIM AS THE "ONLY FLYING AGRONOMIST."

"BUT," THE ARTICLE WENT ON," WE HAVE SO MANY OTHER FLIERS, COAL MINERS, MACHINISTS, FACTORY WORKERS, BOYS AND GIRLS AND IF THEY HAVE SUCH GREAT INSTRUCTORS AS VOLF, WE DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE."

AFTER THEY ESCAPED TO THE WEST, VOLF AND HIS COMPANION TOLD REPORTERS THEY WERE "FED UP AND DISGUSTED."

"ONE COULD NO LONGER DISTINGUISH TRUSH FROM LIES," THEY SAID.

BOTH HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASYLUM IN WEST GERMANY.

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC. 29 (AP)-AN 11-YEAR-OLD WEST BERLIN GIRL, SUFFERING FROM AN ANEMIC CONDITION,WAS FLOWN BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE TODAY TO WEST GERMANY TO RECOVER IN THE HOME OF ARMY M.SGT. ROBERT SHIPLEY, OF (318 EAST BRANNING) FOR WAYNE, IND.

THE AIR FORCE SAID THE CHILD, ANTJE HEINRICHTS, WAS A GUEST OF THE SERGEANT'S FAMILY AT DARMSTADT FOR FOUR WEEKS LAST YEAR UNDER AN AMERICAN SPONSORED RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR NEEDY BERLIN CHILDREN.

SHE GAINED 14 POUNDS DURING THAT TIME, BUT HER HEALTH DETERIORATED AGAIN AFTER HER RETURN TO BERLIN. HER FATHER WROTE TO THE SERGEANT LAST MONTH. SHIPLEY APPEALED TO THE AIR FORCE FOR HELP AND THE GIRL'S TRAVEL WAS APPROVED. SHE WILL STAY WITH THE SHIPLEYS UNTIL EASTER.

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A62 (120)

MUNICH, GERMANY, DEC. 29 (AP)-A WEEKLY WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONSTRUCTED A SECRET INLAND SHIPYARDS AT THE POLISH-OCCUPIED CITY OF GLOGAW ON THE ODER RIVER 175 MILES SOUTH OF THE BALTIC SEA.

THE GERMAN SOLDIERS NEWSPAPER, PUBLISHED HERE, SAID THE SHIPYARDS "ARE COMPLETELY SEALED OFF, AND ONLY THE MOST FAITHFUL COMMUNISTS ARE EMPLOYED THERE."

THE PAPER, WHICH DID NOT REVEAL THE SOURCE OF ITS INFORMATION, SAID SMALL COASTAL VESSELS ARE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SHIPYARDS.

THE VESSELS ARE LAUNCHED IN THE ODER AT GLOGAW AND SAIL DOWN THE RIVER TO OPERATIONAL BASES ALONG THE BALTIC SEA COAST.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY POSTS AND ELABORATE RADIO AIR WARNING EQUIPMENT PROTECT THE SHIPYARDS, THE PAPER SAID.

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A140 (AGYS OUT)

ADVANCE FOR PMS OF TUESDAY, DEC. 29

SECOND OF RYAN SERIES (900)

(EDITORS NOTE-- THE SOVIET UNION IS POPULARLY KNOWN AS RUSSIA, BUT IT ACTUALLY ENCOMPASSES 15 REPUBLICS BESIDES THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC WHERE MOSCOW IS SITUATED. WILLIAM L. RYAN VISITED EIGHT REPUBLICS IN A 6,000-MILE TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN THIS ARTICLE, SECOND OF A SERIES, HE TELLS OF MOSCOW'S EFFORTS TO RUSSIFY-- AND GET THE MOST OUT OF-- THE OUTLYING AREAS).

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BY WILLIAM L. RYAN

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TIRED-LOOKING TWO-ENGINE PLANES HIT THE GROUND WITH A SOGGY WHEEZE, THEIR WHEELS SETTING UP A SPLATTERING STORM OF MUD.

ANCIENT PASSENGER TRAINS CREAK INTO DINGY RAILWAY STATIONS, ENCRUSTED WITH THE ICE OF LONG AND WEARY MILES THROUGH BARREN STEPPES.

RICKETY AUTOBUSES BOUNCE CRAZILY OVER NARROW, FROZEN FIRT ROADS, SLAMMING THEIR HUDDLED, FUR-CAPPED PASSENGERS AGAINST THE SIDES AND LURCHING THEM FROM THEIR SEATS.

IN THE CAPITALS OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS, THE PLANES, TRAINS AND BUSES DISCHARGE UNWILLING PIONEERS, THE NEW EMPIRE BUILDERS OF GREAT RUSSIA (CAPS G, R).

BY THE THOUSANDS THEY POUR INTO PROVINCIAL CAPITALS-- COMMUNIST PARTY POLITICAL EXPERTS, AGRONOMISTS, VETERINARIANS, ENGINEERS AND MECHANICS OF ALL GRADES. THEY ARE WELL DRESSED BY SOVIET STANDARDS, BUT THEY OFTEN LOOK UNHAPPY AND OFTEN THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY MUCH LESS HAPPY LOOKING FUR-COATED WIVES.

FOR A LONG TIME THESE PRIVILEGED PEOPLE HAVE HAD THINGS TOO GOOD. NOW THEY MUST PAY THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THEIR DEBT TO THE SOVIET STATE FOR EDUCATING THEM. THE PALMY DAYS ARE OVER FOR MANY.

THESE "VOLUNTEERS," FRESH FROM CAREFULLY STAGED AND PROPAGANDIZED CELEBRATIONS OF FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS, HAVE HAD TO BE PUSHED INTO THE REMOTE REACHES OF THE FARFLUNG SOVIET EMPIRE TO DO THEIR PART IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO BRING ORDER TO THE CHAOS OF ITS CONSUMER ECONOMY.

GENERATIONS OF RUSSIANS BEFORE THEM BROUGHT RUSSIAN CULTURE AND RUSSIAN DOMINATION TO ALMOND-EYED KAZAKHS, THE GENTLE, SWARTHY TADJIKS, THE NOMAD TURKMENS AND ALL THE SCORES OF NATIONALITIES CEMENTED INTO THE SOVIET UNION.

THE NEW CROP OF PIONEERS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF EXPLOITING THE NATURAL RICES OF THESE RICH LANDS SO THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S HOME FRONT WILL ACHIEVE THE ELASTICITY IT NEEDS TO CUSHION IT AGAINST THE POSSIBLE SHOCK OF A NEW WORLD CONFLICT. THE PARTY PICTURES THIS AS A GLORIOUS TASK, BUT THERE IS LITTLE JOY IN IT FOR THE NEW ARRIVALS.

DEBARKING INTO THE THICK MUD OF A PROVINCIAL AIRPORT, A SPECIALIST TAKES A SHIVERING LOOK AT THE GREAT VASTNESS BEYOND THE REPUBLIC CAPITAL, AND DECIDES TO STAY IN TOWN, HOPING TO BE PART OF A SORT OF HEADQUARTERS CORPS. BUT THAT WON'T DO.

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE," SAID TADJIKSTAN COMMUNIST, OFFICIAL PARTY PAPER OF THAT REPUBLIC, "TO TOLERATE THE FACT THAT MANY SPECIALISTS, INSTEAD OF GOING TO WORK IN MACHINE-TRACTOR STATIONS AND COLLECTIVE FARMS, CONTINUE TO LIVE IN CITIES AND SIMPLY PAY FLYING VISITS TO THEIR WORK."

THIS REFLECTS MOSCOW'S IRRITATION WITH THE SLOWNESS OF THE NEW PROGRAM. IT HAS PROMISED A GREAT UPSURGE OF FARM PRODUCTION IN TWO TO THREE YEARS, BUT ALL DEPENDS ON THE PEASANTS, AND THE PEASANTS MUST HAVE TECHNICAL HELP.

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EVEN SO REMOTE A CITY AS ALMA ATA IN KAZAKHSTAN-- AT THE EDGE OF SIBERIA AND FROZEN FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR-- IS COMFORTABLE COMPARED WITH WHAT THE SPECIALISTS FACE IF AND WHEN THEY GET TO FARMS, VILLAGES AND MACHINE-TRACTOR STATIONS.

SO THE "VOLUNTEERS" HAVE TO BE PUSHED. THE PARTY CRACKS DOWN HARD, NOT ONLY TO ROUND THEM UP BUT TO GET THEM MOVING INTO THE FIELDS. YOUNG SPECIALISTS, THE INK ON THEIR DIPLOMAS SCARCELY DRY, ARE BEING SHOVED OUT TO THE COLD, REMOTE REGIONS FOR ACTIVE WORK, EVEN BEFORE LIVABLE QUARTERS ARE READY FOR THEM.

THE "VOLUNTEERS" CAN HARDLY BE BLAMED FOR WANTING TO STAY IN THE CITIES. RUSSIANS ARE WELL OFF THERE. IT TAKES ONLY A GLANCE TO SEE THAT THEY ARE MUCH BETTER OFF THAN THE NATIVE POPULATIONS. MANY OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE, OF COURSE, HAVE ADVANCED FAR IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT RANKS,

BUT THE KEY POSITIONS IN ALL PHASES OF LIFE ARE HELD BY RUSSIANS.
RUSSIANIZATION-- THE IMPOSITION OF MOSCOW'S CULTURE ON ALL ITS SUBJECT PEOPLES-- CONTINUES UNCHECKED. IT BEGAN LONG BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK POWER, EASED OFF IN THE FIRST FLUSH OF THE REVOLUTION, AND THEN RETURNED WITH A VENGEANCE.

THE RUSSIANS, LIKE INDULGENT PATRONS, PERMIT LOCAL PEOPLES THEIR OLD CUSTOMS, LORE AND CULTURE-- SO LONG AS THIS DOES NOT GO TOO FAR. NOTHING MUST REFLECT AGAINST THE "PROGRESSIVE SIGNIFICANCE" OF THE ANNEXATION OF THESE AREAS BY CZARIST RUSSIA. IT IS "BOURGEOIS NATIONALISM" TO SUGGEST THAT THE LOCAL CULTURE IS NOT INFERIOR AND IS NOT ENRICHED BY THE RUSSIAN.

STUDY OF RUSSIAN IS COMPULSORY IN THE SCHOOLS. ALL BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED IN RUSSIAN. STREET SIGNS AND NEWSPAPERS ARE IN TWO AND SOMETIMES THREE LANGUAGES, BUT IN CENTRAL ASIA THE ALPHABETS ARE RUSSIAN. CAPITAL CITIES HAVE MORE RUSSIANS THAN NATIVES.

NATIONAL PLAYS, NATIONAL BALLET AND NATIONAL OPERA ARE PERFORMED IN THESE CAPITALS, BUT AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SCREENED CAREFULLY TO GUARD AGAINST TRACES OF NATIONALISM. JUST AS MANY, AND PROBABLY MORE, RUSSIAN BALLETS, PLAYS AND OPERAS ARE PERFORMED. STREETS ARE NAMED MORE OFTEN FOR RUSSIAN HEROES THAN FOR THE LOCAL ONES. HISTORIES ARE REWRITTEN TO PORTRAY AS BENEFICENT THE INFLUENCE OF CZARIST RUSSIA.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BUILT CITIES IN CENTRAL ASIA, BUT IN THEIR STUDIED ATTEMPT TO MAKE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS LITTLE CARBON COPIES OF MOSCOW, THEY HAVE INTRODUCED MUCH OF THE DRABNESS AND MONOTONY OF THE SOVIET CAPITAL. ALONG WITH NEW BUILDINGS, THEY BROUGHT THE DRUDGERY OF EXISTENCE UNDER A COMMUNIST REGIME. ALONG WITH EDUCATION CAME THE CONSTANT NAGGING OF THE PARTY TO GET MORE FROM THE PEOPLE.

ALONG WITH HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS THE COMMUNIST BROUGHT THE MONOTONOUSLY DEPRESSING SIGHT OF WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD IN CAPITAL AFTER CAPITAL, DRAGOONED LIKE THEIR SISTERS IN MOSCOW INTO THE HEAVIEST OF MANUAL LABOR-- DIGGING DITCHES, CARRYING BRICKS, HACKING ICE FROM THE ROADS OR ENDLESSLY AND LISTLESSLY SWEEPING STREETS WITH BROOMS FASHIONED FROM BUNDLES OF TWIGS.

ALONG WITH IMPOSING OPERA HOUSES AND MUSEUMS IN WHICH THE RUSSIANS PUT SO MUCH STORE, THE COMMUNISTS BROUGHT THE DRABNESS OF CRAMPED HOMES, ROW ON ROW OF BAD HOUSING. ALONG WITH NEW INDUSTRY CAME THE SHABBINESS OF GOODS IN THE STORES, THE DRABNESS OF ENDLESS, AGGRAVATING BUREAUCRACY PUTTING NEW OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF AN EXISTENCE ALREADY DIFFICULT ENOUGH.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE--TWO WEEKS AGO TODAY, WILLIAM L.RYAN WAS IN MOSCOW, WINDING UP A TRIP OF 6,000 MILES THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION. HE HAD TALKED TO SCORES OF RUSSIANS AND PLACED WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY--AND WHAT HE OBSERVED--AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF RUSSIAN AFFAIRS HE ACQUIRED IN SEVERAL YEARS' ANALYSIS OF PRAVDA AND OTHER SOVIET PUBLICATIONS. THIS IS THE SECOND OF SIX UNCENSORED ARTICLES HE HAS WRITTEN).

BY WILLIAM L.RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

SUPPOSE YOU AR A WORKING MAN IN THE SOVIET UNION. YOU GET 700 RUBLES A MONTH IN A FACTORY. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE ENDS MEET YOUR WIFE WORKS AS A DITCH-DIGGER OR AT SOME OTHER HEAVY JOB. YOUR COMBINED INCOME IS 1,200 RUBLES A MONTH.

YOU ARE NOT CONCERNED AT WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN IN DOLLARS. YOUR RUBLES WILL BE SPENT AS RUBLES, NOT DOLLARS. THE ONLY REAL TEST OF THEIR VALUE IS THEIR PURCHASING POWER--WHAT THEY WILL BUY.

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WELL, YOUR FAMILY MAY SPEND ABOUT 750 OF THOSE 1,200 RUBLES FOR FOOD EVERY MONTH. YOUR RENT, 40 RUBLES FOR A SINGLE ROOM, IS LOW. BUT IF YOU WANT TO CLOTHE YOUR FAMILY PROPERLY YOU WILL HAVE TO CUT THE FOOD BUDGET EVEN MORE SHARPLY--MAKE DO WITH BREAD, POTATOES AND CABBAGE.

YOU WILL WAIT A LONG TIME BEFORE ACCUMULATING ENOUGH FOR A SUNDAY SUIT AT 1,200 RUBLES OR MORE (A MONTH'S INCOME). YOU WILL THINK TWICE BEFORE BUYING A POOR EXCUSE OF A SUNDAY SHIRT FOR 111 RUBLES, BECAUSE BABY NEEDS SHOES, AND THOSE COST 50 RUBLES.

THAT, IN ESSENCE, IS ABOUT THE LOT OF MANY A SOVIET FAMILY.

THAT, IN ESSENCE, IS ABOUT THE INFORMATION AND CALCULATIONS OF EXPERTS SOVIET PUBLICATIONS AND THE INFORMATION AND CALCULATIONS OF EXPERTS PLACE THE AVERAGE SOVIET FAMILY INCOME FROM WAGES AT ABOUT 1,200 RUBLES.

WHY, ASKS THE FOREIGNER, IS THERE SO MUCH SPENDING IN THE SOVIET UNION? WHY, THEN, ARE THE RESTAURANTS AND AMUSEMENT PLACES CROWDED? WHY ARE THE DEPARTMENT STORES IN MOSCOW CROWDED?

THERE ARE ANSWERS FOR ALL THESE QUESTIONS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THERE IS A LARGE AND CONSTANTLY GROWING MIDDLE CLASS MAKING GOOD MONEY--FAR ABOVE THE AVERAGE. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH STORE OUTLETS AND RESTAURANTS AND AMUSEMNT PLACES TO ACCOMMODATE A CITY WHOSE POPULATION--ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL FIGURES AVAILABLE--MUST BY NOW BE SIX MILLION.

THE FOREIGNER DOES NOT SEE ABJECT POVERTY, EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL BEGGARS. HE DOES NOT EVEN SEE PEOPLE LOOKING UNDERFED. HE SEES MANY PEOPLE FAIRLY WELL DRESSED, BUT HE ALSO SEES A PARADE OF DRABNESS, ONENESS AND MONOTONY.

SOMEHOW, THE AVERAGE SOVIET FAMILY MAKES ENDS MEET EVEN AT THE FANTASTIC PRICES. BREAD, POTATOES, CABBAGE, CHEAPER VEGETABLES MAKE UP THE BULK OF THE DIET. ONLY OCCASIONALLY IS THERE MEAT FOR FAMILIES ON THE LOWER SIDE OF THE SOVIET WAGE LEDGER, NOR CAN THEY AFFORD MUCH BUTTER AT ABOUT 12 RUBLES A POUND.

A RECENT DECREE SHOWED HOW LOW THE AVERAGE WAGE REMAINS. IT SAID THAT "BECAUSE OF THE RISE IN THE VALUE OF THE SOVIET RUBLE," UNION DUES NOW COULD BE LOWER, AND ESTABLISHED THIS SCALE:

FOR PERSONS EARNING UP TO 500 RUBLES A MONTH, A HALF RUBLE FOR EACH 100 RUBLES; 501 TO 600, 4 RUBLES; 601 TO 700, 5 RUBLES. AFTER 700 THE DUES ARE FIXED AT ONE PER CENT. THE IMPLICATION IS PLAIN THAT MOST SOVIET WORKERS GET LESS THAN 700 RUBLES A MONTH.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SAYS THE RUBLE IS WORTH 25 U.S. CENTS IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE. JUDGED ON WHAT IT WILL BUY, IN COMPARISON WITH WHAT THE AMERICAN DOLLAR WILL BUY, THE SOVIET RUBLE IS WORTH 5 TO 8 CENTS. PRICES ARE UNIFORMLY HIGH ALL OVER THE SOVIET UNION, MOSTLY FIXED BY THE STATE, AND THE GOODS OFFERED AT THESE PRICES OFTEN ARE THE SHODDIEST.

A SOVIET WORKER EARNING 700 RUBLES A MONTH CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY HIS WIFE SHEER STOCKINGS AT 40.50 A PAIR. A SPEED-UP WORKER IN A TASHKENT TEXTILE FACTORY CAN EARN 2,000 OR MORE RUBLES A MONTH, BUT 2,000 IS THE PRICE OF A FAIRLY GOOD SUIT OF CLOTHES. OTHER TEXTILE WORKERS EARN 1,200 OR LESS. THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY THEIR CHILDREN MANY BARS OF CHOCOLATE --SUCH AS MIGHT SELL FOR 20 CENTS IN THE UNITED STATES--AT 20 RUBLES A BAR.

MOST FAMILIES MUST HAVE MORE THAN ONE WAGE EARNER. WOMEN SWEEP STREETS ENDLESSLY WITH MAKESHIFT BROOMS FASHIONED OF TWIGS, OR HACK SNOW AND ICE FROM THE ROADS. THEY EARN A PITIABLY SMALL WAGE, BUT IT SUPPLEMENTS THE INCOME OF OTHER FAMILY WAGE EARNERS.

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THERE IS NOT MUCH VARIATION IN PRICES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND THE

PROVINCES. COCOA IN STALINABAD SOLD LOOSE FOR AROUND 50 RUBLES A POUND. ABOUT A QUARTER POUND OF COFFEE OR TEA WAS 4.15; TOMATO JUICE, 16.80 FOR ABOUT A QUART AND A HALF.

SINCE SHOPPING IS SUCH A CHORE IN STATE STORES, AND SINCE STATE STORES OFTEN RUN OUT OF ITEMS MOST IN DEMAND, PEASANT MARKET PRICES FREQUENTLY ARE HIGHER. IN THE WINTER SEASON, PRICES GO UP. THE AUTUMN PRICE OF EGGS IN MOSCOW WAS 14 RUBLES FOR 10, BUT IN DECEMBER IT WENT UP TO 20. THE PRICE WAS THE SAME IN WARM, FRUITFUL GEORGIA; ONLY SLIGHTLY LOWER IN THE AGRICULTURAL UKRAINE.

A KILO IS A LITTLE OVER TWO POUNDS.

POTATOES SOLD AT 1 RUBLE A KILO IN MOSCOW IN OCTOBER, BUT ROSE TO 2 BY DECEMBER, A PRICE WHICH HELD IN THE PROVINCES. CABBAGE WAS 1 RUBLE A KILO IN MOSCOW AND KIEV IN OCTOBER, 1.50 BY DECEMBER. THE UKRAINE IS THE SOVIET UNION'S BREADBASKET, BUT SOME OF ITS PRICES WERE HIGHER EVEN THAN IN THE MOSCOW PEASANT MARKETS. PEASANTS WERE GETTING AS MUCH AS 29 RUBLES A KILO FOR CERTAIN MEAT CUTS--ALMOST A DAY'S WAGE FOR A LITTLE OVER 2 POUNDS OF MEAT.

DEPARTMENT STORES GET 400-600RUBLES FOR SHABBY LOOKING DRESSESS FOR WOMEN, WITH BETTER ONES GOING MUCH HIGHER. A CHILD'S DRESS STARTED AT 100 RUBLES, COTTON STOCKINGS AT 11. KITCHEN POTS AND PANS RANGED FROM 13 TO 53 RUBLES. A SOVIET FAMILY CAN HVE A TINY REFRIGERATOR ABOUT 2 FEET HIGH IF IT CAN AFFORD 680 RUBLES, OR A SMALL VACUUM CLEANER FOR 450. LADIES' SHOES--POOR ONES--SOLD IN MOSCOW FOR 126 RUBLES; FAIR STYLE, 419. A NIGHTMARISH SET OF MEN'S PAJAMAS WAS 238 RUBLES. HIGHTOP MEN'S SHOES WERE 202 AND BAD QUALITY.

GOODS BY OFFICIAL ADMISSION ARE SHODDY, BUT IN SOME AREAS THE PRODUCTS SEEM FANTASTICALLY BAD. IN THE OIL CITY OF BAKU MEN'S SUITS AT 1,500-1,800 RUBLES SEEMED INCREDIBLE. THE DISPLAY OF CHILDREN'S TOYS WAS EXTREMELY LIMITED AND UNIMAGINATIVE. A TIN TRUCK, SIX INCHES LONG, WAS PRICED AT 11.50.

GOODS WHICH WOULD NOT BE GIVEN ATTIC ROOM IN AN AMERICAN HOME WERE SCATTERED HELTER SKELTER ALL OVER STORES IN BAKU. LISTLESS SALES PEOPLE YAWNED BEHIND THE COUNTERS, NOT A BIT INTERESTED WHETHER THE ITEMS WERE SOLD OR NOT.

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TOMORROW: SHOPPING IS A MAJOR CHORE

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JERUSALEM, DEC. 28 (AP)-AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN SAID ONE ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED IN TWO INCIDENTS TODAY ALONG THE ARMISTICE DEMARCATION LINE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN.

HE SAID THE FIRST SHOOTING OCCURRED WHEN AN ISRAELI SURVEYING PARTY AND A MILITARY ESCORT ENGAGED IN MARKING THE ARMISTICE LINE WAS FIRED ON FROM THE JORDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. ONE ISRAELI SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED FATALLY.

TWENTY MILES TO THE SOUTH, HE SAID, AN ISRAELI PATROL LATER ENCOUNTERED JORDANIAN SHEPHERDS TENDING FLOCKS ON ISRAELI TERRITORY. WHEN THE ISRAELIS APPROACHED THEM, THE SPOKESMAN CLAIMED, THE ISRAELIS WERE FIRED ON FROM ACROSS THE BORDER AND ONE SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED.

A JORDAN STATEMENT, ISSUED IN AMMAN, CLAIMED THE SHEPHERDS AND THEIR FLOCKS WERE ON JORDAN TERRITORY. THE STATEMENT ASSERTED THE ISRAELI PATROL CROSSED THE FRONTIER AND TRIED TO STEAL THE SHEEP. WHEN THE SHEPHERDS PROTESTED THE ISRAELIS OPENED FIRE, IT ADDED.

THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED THE FIRE FOR AN HOUR BEFORE THE ISRAELIS WITHDREW, THE JORDAN STATEMENT SAID.

REFERRING TO THE OTHER REPORTED INCIDENT, THE STATEMENT SAID AN INVESTIGATION FAILED TO TURN UP ANYONE WHO SAW OR HEARD THE ALLEGED SHOOTING. IT ASSERTED AN ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE FAILED TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH A UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER AND A JORDAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SCENE.

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A81 (110)

CAIRO, EGYPT, DEC. 29 (AP)-EGYPT CALLED ANOTHER OF HER AMBASSADORS HOME TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH BRITAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

THE NEWSPAPER AL GUMHURRYIA SAID LT. GEN. AZIZ EL MASRI HAD BEEN RECALLED FROM MOSCOW TO JOIN IN TALKS HERE WITH AHMED HUSSEIN, AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND ABDEL RAHMAN HAKKI, THE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON.

OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID EGYPT WANTS TO HAVE A WELL-DEFINED FOREIGN POLICY BEFORE RESUMING TALKS WITH BRITAIN TOMORROW. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE THREATENED TO ADOPT A POLICY OF STRICT EAST-WEST NEUTRALITY IF BRITAIN REFUSES TO QUIT HER BIG BASE IN THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

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NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINA

BY LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE FRENCH POURED TROOPS INTO CENTRAL INDOCHINA TODAY TO REINFORCE A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE---ALREADY OPENED BY WARPLANES---AGAINST THE VIETMINH REBELS WHO SPLIT THE COUNTRY IN TWO.

THE FRENCH CONCENTRATED AT THE LAOTIAN AIR BASE OF SENO, ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTH OF THE LINES THAT COMMUNIST-LED BATTALIONS SLICED WESTWARD ACROSS LAOS FROM OLD BASES ON THE SEACOAST OF NEIGHBORING VIET NAM TO THAILAND'S MEKONG RIVER FRONTIER DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

FRESH MEN MASSED AT SENO WITH SURVIVORS OF FRENCH UNION GARRISONS WITHDRAWN OR OVERRUN DURING THE LIGNING OFFENSIVE. TO THE NORTH LIES THE RUINS OF THAKHEK, A TOWN OF 10,000 THE FRENCH REGARDED AS A TRAP AND ABANDONED TO THE VIETMINH. TWENTY MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST LIES SAVANNAKHET, A MEKONG RIVER PORT TO WHICH FRENCH CIVILIANS OF THAKHEK HAVE BEEN EVACUATED.

PILOTS FLYING AMERICAN-SUPPLIED B-26 BOMBERS AND BEARCAT FIGHTERS STRAFED LONG TRAILS OF COOLIES CARRYING IN SUPPLIES FOR THE REBELS ON THEIR BACKS. FRENCH GROUND RECONNAISSANCE UNITS, PUSHING DEEP INTO THE LAOS JUNGLE, SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE REBELS FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT DAY.

FRENCH SOURCES SPECULATED THAT THE REBELS LED BY MOSCOW-TRAINED HO CHI-MINH WERE TEMPORARILY AVOIDING BATTLE--POSSIBLY TO BUILD STRENGTH FOR AN ASSAULT ON SENO.

(SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON HE FELT THE FRENCH COULD DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE SITUATION IN LAOS. HE HINTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL INTERVENE DIRECTLY WITH ITS SEA AND AIR FORCES IF COMMUNIST CHINA COMES OPENLY TO THE AID OF THE REBELS.)

HIGH FRENCH OFFICIALS MINIMIZED THE REBEL SUCCESSES. COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAURICE DEJEAN DECLARED IN CAMBODIA, A SISTER STATE OF LAOS AND VIET NAM, THAT FRENCH UNION FORCES "HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND."

THE REBEL DRIVE HAS OPENED A "FLUID SITUATION AND A WAR OF MOVEMENT," DEJEAN SAID.

IN PARIS, DEFENSE MINISTER RENE PLEVEN SAID FRANCE STILL INTENDS TO CUT HER TROOP STRENGTH IN INDOCHINA FROM 180,000 TO 165,000 WHILE BUILDING UP THE SIZE OF THE INDOCHINESE STATES' NATIVE FORCES. THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO ASK THE UNITED STATES TO SEND IN TROOPS.

REPORTS FROM BANGKOK, THAILAND, SAID THE REBELS HAD EVACUATED THAKHEK AND MELTED INTO THE SURROUNDING JUNGLES. THESE REPORTS SPECULATED THAT THE REBELS WERE LYING IN AMBUSH IN CASE THE FRENCH ATTEMPT TO COME BACK.

THE BANGKOK ACCOUNTS SAID THE CABINET MET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MONDAY NIGHT AND DECIDED THAILAND WAS CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE RED DRIVE IN NEIGHBORING LAOS.

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DEJEAN SAID NEITHER THE FRENCH NOR THE REBELS WANTED TO STAY IN THAKHEK "WE DID NOT GIVE UP THAKHEK UNDER PRESSURE," HE SAID. "IF WE WANTED TO RETAKE THE TOWN TONIGHT WE COULD EASILY DO IT. BUT IT'S PRIMARILY A QUESTION OF AVOIDING A TRAP AND AN ENCIRCLEMENT."

MEANWHILE, THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY SAID LAOS' FOREIGN MINISTER NHOUY ABBAY HAD RESIGNED TO PROTEST WHAT HE CALLED FAILURE OF THE FRENCH TO KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH SOURCES SAID THEY EXPECT VIETMINH GEN. VO NGUYEN GIAP TO LAUNCH HIS MAIN ATTACK IN NORTHWESTERN VIET NAM AGAINST THE FRENCH-HELD FORTRESS OF DIEN BIEN PHU.

THEY SAID THE REBEL DRIVE ACROSS LAOS GAINED A PROPAGANDA VALUE IN THAT INDOCHINA WAS CUT IN TWO, BUT APPARENTLY DID NOTHING TOWARDS WINNING A WAR. ALTHOUGH THE DRIVE CUT A LAND SUPPLY LINE, THE FRENCH SAID THEY HAD LONG BEEN SUPPLYING THE AFFECTED AREA BY AIR.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT HO MIGHT USE THE NEW LINE AS A DEMARCATION POINT IF THERE ARE ARMISTICE TALKS AS WIDELY SUGGESTED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, RADIO VIETMINH RELEASED THE TEXT OF A THREE-WEEK-OLD SPEECH BY HO IN WHICH HE SAID "OUR PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE IS TO LESSEN WORLD TENSION AND SETTLE ALL INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES THROUGH NEGOTIATION."

"PEACE WILL BE BOUGHT AFTER A LONG AND HARD FIGHT," HE SAID.

HO ALSO ISSUED NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO HIS TROOPS IN WHICH HE SAID THE ARMY HAD TWO JOBS: FIRST TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS AND SECOND TO APPLY AGRARIAN REFORMS.

(THE PEIPING RADIO, IN A BROADCAST MONITORED IN LONDON, ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF ARMING THAI TROOPS FOR INTERVENTION IN THE INDOCHINA WAR. A U.S. MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION SINCE 1950 HAS BEEN HELPING MODERNIZE THAILAND'S 40,000 MAN ARMY AND HER SLIGHTLY LARGER POLICE FORCE. U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THAILAND ORIGINALLY LAGGED BECAUSE OF PRIORITY TO KOREA AND INDOCHINA, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP SINCE THE VIETMINH BRIEFLY INVADED LAOS LAST SPRING.)

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VIENTIANE, LAOS, DEC. 29 (AP)-NHOUY ABBAY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE LITTLE INDOCHINESE KINGDOM OF LAOS, RESIGNED TODAY IN PROTEST AT WHAT HE SAID WAS FAILURE OF THE FRENCH TO KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED ON THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH ATTACK ON HIS COUNTRY.

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TOKYO, DEC. 29 (AP)-PEIPING RADIO TODAY ASSERTED COMMUNIST VIETMINH REBELS OPERATING BEHIND FRENCH LINES IN INDOCHINA HAVE INFLICTED MORE THAN 200,000 CASUALTIES IN EIGHT YEARS OF WARFARE.

THE BROADCAST, MONITORED IN TOKYO, SAID THE GUERRILLAS HAD DESTROYED 70 PLANES, 56 LOCOMOTIVES, 106 GUNBOATS AND LAUNCHES AND HAD "LIBERATED" MORE THAN 2,600 VILLAGES AND BASES IN THE RED RIVER DELTA.

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RANGOON, BURMA, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITICAL COMMISSAR FOR NORTH BURMA HAS GONE INTO COMMUNIST CHINA WITH SEVEN COLLEAGUES, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS FROM VILLAGES THROUGH WHICH THEY PASSED ON THEIR WAY OUT.

THE REPORTS SAID THE COMMISSAR, THAKUN THAN MYAING, AND HIS PARTY, ESCORTED BY TWO PLATOONS OF BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY "TROOPS," CAME FROM THE PAKOKKU DISTRICT OF CENTRAL BURMA AND MADE THEIR WAY BY DEVIOUS ROUTES THROUGH THE KACHIN STATE BORDERING ON RED CHINA.

THE BURMESE COMMUNISTS WERE MET BY A CHINESE GROUP NEAR NALONG, ON THE BORDER, THE REPORTS SAID.

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THIS IS THE SECOND BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY GROUP KNOWN TO HAVE CROSSED OVER INTO CHINA THIS YEAR. LAST JUNE THAKIN BA THEIN TIN LED A PARTY ALONG THE SAME ROUTE.

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TOKYO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT FROM AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO ALL SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 77, SAID "THE FREEDOM OF NATIONS HANGS IN THE DIGNITY OF MAN WITH HIS GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS."

THE ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK SPENT THE NIGHT ON THE FLAGSHIP YORKTOWN AS GUEST OF ADM. JOHN P. WHITNEY, TASK FORCE COMMANDER, AND THE YORKTOWN'S SKIPPER, CAPT. W. A. MCKECHNIE.

THE VISITING MILITARY VICAR OF CATHOLICS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES MET CREWMEN OF THE YORKTOWN YESTERDAY IN THE HANGAR BAY. HE FLEW TO THE CARRIER BY HELICOPTER FROM THE U.S.S. TOLEDO.

THE CARDINAL BEGAN HIS SEVENTH DAY OF HIS CHRISTMAS TOUR OF U.S. ARMED FORCES IN KOREA BY CELEBRATING MASS FOR MARINE AIRMEN AT DAWN. AFTERWARDS HE VISITED AN ORPHANAGE WHICH MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING HAVE ADOPTED.

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NIGHT LEAD DULLES (ROUNDUP)

BY JOHN SCALI (500)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES HINTED BROADLY TODAY AMERICAN AIR AND NAVAL POWER MIGHT STRIKE AT THE CHINA MAINLAND IF RED CHINESE TROOPS OPENLY INTERVENE IN INDOCHINA OR RESUME THE WAR IN KOREA.

HE GAVE THIS WARNING AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MINIMIZING THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF A NEW COMMUNIST THRUST ACROSS THE NARROW WAIST OF INDOCHINA.

DULLES' REMARKS REINFORCED A SIMILAR WARNING HE ISSUED IN A SPEECH BEFORE AN AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION IN ST.LOUIS LAST SEPT. 2.

AT THAT TIME, THE SECRETARY SAID ANY NEW RED AGGRESSION WOULD CAUSE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES "WHICH MIGHT NOT BE CONFINED TO INDOCHINA" AND WHICH WOULD STRIP THE COMMUNISTS OF THEIR "PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY" IN MANCHURIA.

IN RECALLING THIS WARNING TODAY, DULLES SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE GROWING AMERICAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN THE FAR EAST AS POSSIBLE WEAPONS OF RETALIATION.

ANY RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN KOREA OR A CHINESE COMMUNIST ATTACK IN INDOCHINA, HE SAID, WOULD BRING AN AMERICAN REACTION "NOT NECESSARILY CONFINED TO THE PARTICULAR AREA THE COMMUNIST CHOOSE TO MAKE THE THEATER OF THEIR NEW AGGRESSION."

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO MEET ANY NEW AGGRESSION "MERELY BY LAND POWER OF OUR OWN ON ASIA," HE SAID, "THERE WOULD BE MORE RELIANCE ON (AMERICAN) SEA AND AIR POWER WHICH WOULD GIVE US A GREATER CHOICE."

DEPARTING FROM HIS USUAL CUSTOM, DULLES PERMITTED HIS REMARKS TO BE QUOTED DIRECTLY.

THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF FRENCH AND LOYAL INDOCHINESE FORCES TO COUNTER THE LATEST VIETMINH COMMUNIST ATTACK IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS.

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HE MAINTAINED THAT THIS RED GAIN HAS BEEN VERY GREATLY EXAGGERATED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS. HE SAID THE COMMUNIST ADVANCE TO THE BORDER OF NEIGHBORING THAILAND IN ONE SECTOR DOES NOT POSE A PRESENT THREAT TO THAT COUNTRY. NEITHER, HE SAID, DOES IT APPRECIABLY UPSET FRENCH PLANS FOR EVENTUAL VICTORY.

A STATE DEPARTMENT NOTE, SENT TO THE LAOS LEGATION LATER TODAY, ASSURED FRENCH UNION FORCES OF CONTINUED AMERICAN AID TO COMBAT COMMUNIST GUERILLAS IN INDOCHINA. THE NOTE CAME IN RESPONSE TO THE LAOTIAN PRIME MINISTER'S COMPLAINT, FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT LAST SATURDAY, PROTESTING THE RED INVASION.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOTE WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, MEANWHILE, SAID NEITHER LAOS NOR NEIGHBORING THAILAND CONTEMPLATED ANY PROTEST TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THE THEORY THAT THE RED OFFENSIVE WAS NOT AS SERIOUS AS IT FIRST APPEARED.

DULLES STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW TWO AMERICAN DIVISIONS FROM KOREA WILL NOT LESSEN AMERICAN MILITARY MIGHT IN THE AREA. HE CONCEDED THAT IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF FOOT SOLDIERS IT WOULD MEAN A DECREASE, BUT IMPLIED THAT NEW WEAPONS WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO THIS AREA WOULD ACTUALLY INCREASE AMERICAN FIRE POWER AND CAPACITY TO RETALIATE.

FORCES WHICH REMAIN, HE SAID, WILL FEATURE HIGHLY MOBILE AIR AND NAVAL UNITS WHICH CAN DISCHARGE ALL COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN IN THIS CRITICAL FAR EAST REGION.

TURNING TO OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS, THE SECRETARY SAID IN ANSWERING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS:

1. RUSSIA'S PROPOSAL FOR A THREE WEEK DELAY IN THE BERLIN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IS DISAPPOINTING. BUT HE INDICATED THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXCEPT THE JAN. 25 DATE SINCE THE WEST OBVIOUSLY CAN'T MEET WITH RUSSIAN OFFICIALS SOONER THAN THEY SAY THEY WILL BE THERE.

2. HE HOPES REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL AND JORDAN WILL MEET, AS PROVIDED UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, TO TRY TO ELIMINATE SOME POINTS OF FRICTION BETWEEN THEM.

3. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT RUSSIA PROPOSED A DELAY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING BECAUSE OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAT SESSION AND THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS IN INDOCHINA. DULLES DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS POINT, SAYING THAT HE LEFT IT TO REPORTER'S IMAGINATION.

4. THE UNITED STATES SEES GREATER PROMISE FOR ATOMIC AGREEMENT IN A MODEST BEGINNING THAN IN A GRANDIOSE PLAN FOR SOLVING ALL ATOMIC PROBLEMS AT ONCE. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THAT VIEW IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL TO POOL SOME ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

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NIGHT LEAD KOREA-TROOPS

BY ROGER D. GREENE

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES SAID TODAY AMERICAN POWER TO STRIKE DEVASTATING BLOWS AGAINST ANY AGGRESSOR IN THE FAR EAST IS BEING STRENGTHENED DESPITE THE PROJECTED WITHDRAWAL OF TWO U.S. DIVISIONS FROM KOREA.

REPLYING TO SOME DEMOCRATIC CRITICS WHO HAVE CHALLENGED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S DECISION ON THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE, DULLES EMPHASIZED THAT THE CHANGE WILL MEAN NO SLACKENING OF AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ORIENT.

DULLES SPOKE OUT AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE AS DEMOCRATS, PRESSED THE ATTACK AND SEN. MONRONEY (D-OKLA) CALLED FOR A FULL-DRESS INVESTIGATION OF U.S. DEFENSE POLICY WHEN CONGRESS RETURNS IN JANUARY.

REPUBLICANS ALMOST SOLIDLY ENDORSED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. SEN. KNOWLAND OF CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE GOP LEADER, EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT AND SAID IT IS "ADVISABLE TO REDUCE OUR FORCES OVERSEAS" AS SOON AS WORLD CONDITIONS PERMIT.

SEN. DOUGLAS (D-ILL) SAID HE DID NOT QUESTION THE "GOOD FAITH" OF THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, BUT VOICED CONCERN "DESPITE ASSURANCES THAT THIS (TROOP WITHDRAWAL) WILL NOT REDUCE OUR RETALIATORY POWER."

"I FEAR THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR DIVISIONS WITHOUT SOME COMPARABLE AND WELL UNDERSTOOD BUILDUP OF SOUTH KOREAN STRENGTH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ENABLE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO SEND THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO OR MORE OF THEIR DIVISIONS TO INDOCHINA TO HELP THE COMMUNIST FORCES THERE," DOUGLAS SAID IN A STATEMENT.

"THAT COUNTRY IS ALREADY EXPOSED TO CRITICAL DANGER FROM THE COMMUNISTS AND THIS ACTION WILL INCREASE IT.

"THE FALL OF INDOCHINA WOULD BE EVEN FAR MORE FATAL THAN THE FALL OF KOREA, FOR IT WOULD CARRY ALL OF SOUTHEASTERN ASIA WITH ITS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, ITS IRREPLACEABLE TIN AND RUBBER AND ITS OTHER RAW MATERIALS, AND IT WOULD PROBABLY ALSO LEAD TO THE FALL OF INDIA."

DULLES TOLD NEWSMEN THE DECISION TO PULL TWO DIVISIONS OUT OF KOREA RESULTED FROM THREE FACTORS:

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1. THERE WAS A LARGE BUILDUP OF AMERICAN STRENGTH IN KOREA IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ARMISTICE, AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE COMMUNISTS AGREED TO A CEASE-FIRE. THE TWO U.S. DIVISIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF THE BUILDUP.

2. THE WITHDRAWAL IS IN LINE WITH ONE OF THE KEY REASONS FOR SEEKING AN ARMISTICE IN KOREA--TO GET AWAY FROM HAVING AMERICAN TROOPS PINNED DOWN ON THE ASIATIC MAINLAND.

3. AS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED, THERE HAS BEEN A VERY SUBSTANTIAL BUILDUP OF AMERICAN SEA AND AIR POWER.

FURTHERMORE, DULLES SAID, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY WARNED THAT IF THERE IS A RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN KOREA, OR IF RED CHINA OPENLY INTERVENES IN INDOCHINA, THIS COUNTRY'S REACTION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO EITHER OF THOSE THEATERS OF OPERATIONS.

A GREATER RELIANCE ON SEA AND AIR POWER, HE SAID, WOULD GIVE THE UNITED STATES A GREATER CHOICE IN ITS MILITARY RESPONSES.

DULLES SET FORTH THIS BROAD SCOPE OF U.S. STRATEGY IN REPLY TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION WHETHER THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL DECISION WAS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE "THE CLIMATE OF PEACE" OR MERELY STEMMED FROM A DETERMINATION THAT THE TWO DIVISIONS WERE NO LONGER NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ALLIED STRENGTH IN KOREA.

DULLES WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE WITHDRAWAL WOULD MEAN A DECREASE IN U.S. STRENGTH IN JAPAN.

THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IF THE QUESTIONER WAS SPEAKING ABOUT POWER IN THE TERMS OF U.S. ABILITY TO INFLICT RETALIATORY DAMAGE, THEN AMERICAN POWER IN THAT AREA OF THE FAR EAST IS BEING INCREASED. IF THE QUESTIONER MEANT POWER SOLELY IN TERMS OF FOOT SOLDIERS, DULLES SAID, THEN IT IS ON THE DECLINE.

SEN. FERGUSON OF MICHIGAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE GOP POLICY COMMITTEE, CALLED THE DECISION "A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION." HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF EISENHOWER'S MILITARY BACKGROUND, THE WITHDRAWAL WOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAVE BEEN ORDERED "IF IT WERE IN THE DANGER ZONE."

MONRONEY CALLED FOR A "FULL-DRESS, NON-PARTISAN INVESTIGATION" OF LONG RANGE U.S. DEFENSE NEEDS AND PREDICTED THAT ADMINISTRATION DEFENSE CUTS WILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF CONGRESS.

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(500) DULLES-ATOMIC

BY JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES REPORTED TODAY THE UNITED STATES WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH RUSSIA BEFORE THE PROPOSED JAN. 25 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BERLIN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR A PEACETIME ATOMIC ENERGY POOL.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, DULLES SAID HE HAD PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR A PEACETIME ATOMIC ENERGY POOL.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, DULLES SAID HE HAD PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL INFORMALLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLOTOV AT THE CONFERENCE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JAN. 4.

BUT, HE SAID, NOW THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE PROPOSED A DELAY HE WILL HAVE TO THINK OF ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF GETTING STARTED.

REPLYING TO REPORTERS' QUESTION, THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE THE RUSSIANS WOULD ACCEPT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S VIEW, FIRST LAID DOWN IN A UNITED NATIONS SPEECH DEC. 8, THAT THE THE BEST HOPE FOR SOLVING THE WORLD'S ATOMIC PROBLEMS LAY IN A MODEST START RATHER THAN TRYING TO DRAFT A GRANDIOSE PLAN WHICH WOULD SEEK TO COVER BOTH WEAPONS CONTROL AND PEACETIME ATOMIC USE.

THE SECRETARY CONCEDED THAT RUSSIA'S LATEST ATOMIC NOTE WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN PAST RUSSIAN PROPOSALS ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE DIFFERENCE WAS ONLY A SLIGHT VARIATION IN WORDS BUT THAT HE REALIZED THAT EVEN SUCH A SLIGHT VARIATION HAD SIGNIFICANCE TO THE COMMUNISTS.

THE SECRETARY ADDED HE HIMSELF COULD NOT FIND ANY APPRECIABLE SIGNIFICANCE IN RUSSIAN CLAIMS THAT THEY HAVE MADE A NEW PROPOSAL.

RADIO MOSCOW COMMENTATORS HAVE BEEN INSISTING ALMOST DAILY SINCE RUSSIA DISPATCHED ITS NOTE DEC. 21 THAT MOSCOW HAD MADE NEW AND SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS IN THE 3,000-WORD RUSSIAN MESSAGE.

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DULLES DID NOT SPECIFY PRECISELY WHAT THE NEW WORDING MEANT BUT, IN ANSWERING A REPORTER, HE SAID ONE PARAGRAPH IN THE SOVIET NOTE TIED TOGETHER THE SOVIET DEMAND FOR AN AGREEMENT PROHIBITING USE OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS WITH A PHRASE MENTIONING SIMULTANEOUS ESTABLISHMENT OF STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

HE SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE COULD REMEMBER, THESE TWO IDEAS NEVER HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY THE RUSSIANS IN THIS WAY BEFORE.

THE SECRETARY DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THE UNITED STATES, IN ANY CONFIDENTIAL TALK WITH THE RUSSIANS, WOULD INSIST THAT SOME PROGRESS BE MADE IN DISCUSSING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL BEFORE THE UNITED STATES WOULD DISCUSS RUSSIA'S PLAN FOR CONTROLLING ATOMIC WEAPONS.

HE TOLD A QUESTIONER WITH A SMILE THAT THE REPORTER WAS RAISING A QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE AGENDA WITH RUSSIA ON THESE TALKS, A POINT WHICH HAS PROVED VERY TROUBLESOME IN THE PAST.

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT DULLES STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL INTRODUCED A NEW ELEMENT--THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING STARTED IN A MODEST WAY TO SOLVE PART OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROBLEM WITHOUT THE DIFFICULT ISSUES OF DEVISING CONTROLS AND INSPECTION. THESE TWO PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ARGUED ABOUT FOR YEARS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WITHOUT SUCCESS, HE NOTED.

ACCORDINGLY, DULLES SAID, THE UNITED STATES IS VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR DRAFTING ANY GRANDIOSE ATOMIC ENERGY PLAN AND SEES GREATER PROMISE IN A MODEST BEGINNING.

HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD ACCEPT THIS VIEW AND WOULD NOT INSIST ON REHASHING THE SAME OLD ARGUMENTS THAT IT HAS BROUGHT UP IN UNITED NATIONS DISCUSSIONS FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD DECIDED TO HOLD ANY ATOMIC TALKS WITH RUSSIA AT THE UNITED NATIONS THROUGH THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION OR THROUGH REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

DULLES REPLIED THAT RUSSIA IN ITS DEC. 21 NOTE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY INDICATE A PREFERENCE BUT SEEMED TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON DIRECT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTACT.

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(450) DULLES TEXT

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF COMMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TODAY REGARDING AMERICAN MILITARY POWER IN KOREA AND THE FAR EAST:

THE WITHDRAWAL OR PROSPECTIVE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO DIVISIONS FROM KOREA IS DUE TO A COMBINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES. ONE OF THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES IS THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A VERY CONSIDERABLE BUILD-UP OF THE UNITED STATES STRENGTH IN KOREA IN THE FEW WEEKS WHICH IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDED THE ARMISTICE. THAT WAS DONE AS ONE OF THE MANY MOVES WHICH WE MADE TO TRY TO BRING THE ARMISTICE ABOUT. AND THE TWO

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DIVISIONS NOW TO BE WITHDRAWN ARE TO A LARGE EXTENT THE EQUIVALENT OF THE BUILD-UP WHICH WAS MADE SHORTLY BEFORE THE ARMISTICE.

A SECOND POINT IS THAT ONE OF THE MANY IMPORTANT REASONS FOR THE ARMISTICE WAS TO GET AWAY FROM HAVING A LARGE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PERMANENTLY PINNED DOWN ON THE ASIAN MAINLAND, AND THE ARMISTICE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF ITS MAJOR INTENDED PURPOSES IF IT DID NOT OPERATE TO GIVE GREATER MOBILITY AND GREATER CHOICE TO UNITED STATES MILITARY STRENGTH IN THE ASIAN AREA.

A THIRD POINT IS THAT IN FACT THERE HAS BEEN, AS THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT POINTED OUT, A VERY SUBSTANTIAL BUILD-UP OF SEA AND AIR POWER AND WE HAVE EMPHASIZED ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS THAT IF THERE IS A RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN KOREAN OR IF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SHOULD OPENLY INTERVENE IN INDOCHINA THE REACTIONS ON OUR PART WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE CONFINED TO THE PARTICULAR AREA WHICH THE COMMUNISTS CHOSE TO MAKE THE THEATER OF THEIR NEW AGGRESSION.

THE IMPLICATION OF THAT IS THAT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO MEET ANY SUCH NEW AGGRESSION MERELY BY LAND POWER OF OUR OWN IN ASIA, THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE RELIANCE ON SEA AND AIR POWER WHICH WOULD GIVE US A GREATER CHOICE. ALL THOSE THINGS COMBINED MAKE LOGICAL THE ACTION WHICH THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED.

NOW WHEN YOU SPEAK ABOUT STRENGTH IN RELATION TO OUR POSITION IN JAPAN, IF YOU ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF THE ABILITY TO INFLICT DAMAGE ON A POSSIBLE ENEMY, THAT POWER IS BEING INCREASED. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF POWER MERELY IN TERMS OF ACTUAL NUMBERS OF FOOT SOLDIERS, THAT I WOULD SAY IS ON A DECLINING BASIS AS FAR AS U.S. FORCES IN KOREA ARE CONCERNED. THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION YET IN THAT RESPECT AS REGARDS JAPAN.

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OUR POWER WILL, I BELIEVE, ON NET BALANCE BE GREATER THAN IT HAS BEEN HERETOFORE. AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT MADE VERY CLEAR, AND THIS SHOULD ALWAYS BE EMPHASIZED, THIS ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO BE A DIMINITION OF OUR RECOGNITION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THAT AREA, OR OF OUR ABILITY TO DISCHARGE THOSE OBLIGATIONS.

LET ME REAFFIRM WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID, NAMELY, THAT U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST WILL BE MAINTAINED AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE COMMITMENTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDER-TAKEN IN THAT AREA AND WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THESE FORCES WILL FEATURE HIGHLY MOBILE, NAVAL AND AMPHIBIOUS UNITS."

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ATOMIC (450)

BY EDWIN B.HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-SEN.HICKENLOOPER (R-IA) DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES ALREADY IS EXCHANGING SOME SECRET ATOMIC INFORMATION ON "MATERIALS PROCESSING" WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS.

THE EXCHANGE HAS DEALT WITH ATOMIC ISOTOPES, HE SAID. SOME ISOTOPES, OR TWIN FORMS OF CERTAIN ELEMENTS, ARE USED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS. INDUSTRIAL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXCHANGE BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS IN THE LAW, HE SAID.

HICKENLOOPER DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON WHAT HE MEANT BY "MATERIALS PROCESSING."

OFFICIALS OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION DECLINED ANY COMMENT.

HICKENLOOPER, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC COMMITTEE, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESENT ATOMIC ENERGY LAW WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL POOLING OF ATOMIC ENERGY MATERIALS FOR PEACEFUL ISES.

HE SAID THE PRESENT EXCHANGE OF ATOMIC DATA WITH OTHER FREE NATIONS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A REVISION OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT DURING THE LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS.

"WE OPENED UP THE ACT A LITTLE BIT FOR EXCHANGING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO MATERIALS PROCESSING," HE SAID.

HICKENLOOPER DID NOT SAY WHAT COUNTRIES ARE BENEFITING FROM AMERICAN RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD OR FROM WHAT SOURCES THE UNITED STATES IS RECEIVING INFORMATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS REPORTS, HOWEVER, OF A FRAGMENTARY EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION WITH CANADA. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT THE BELGIANS WERE WORKING ON A DEFINITION OF THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS IN THE PERMITTED AREA OF EXCHANGE.

INDUSTRIAL USES WOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER THE PROPOSAL WHICH EISENHOWER MADE IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE U.N. ASSEMBLY DEC. 8. HE SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY BY THE NATIONS MOST CONCERNED, INCLUDING RUSSIA. THE COUNTRIES WOULD CONTRIBUTE SOME OF THEIR ATOMIC MATERIALS TO A COMMON POOL FOR PEACEFUL USES.

RUSSIA HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE ON THE PROPOSAL, AND SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES SAID TODAY HE HOPES TO DISCUSS IT INFORMALLY WITH RUSSIA IN ADVANCE OF A PROPOSED JAN. 25 BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BERLIN.

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BOTH APPROVAL BY THE NATIONS CONCERNED AND ACTION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS TO AMEND THE LAW WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE THE PROPOSAL EFFECTIVE.

MOST RETURNING CONGRESSMEN EXPECT THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE SOME REFERENCE TO THE ATOMIC PROPOSAL IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE TO CONGRESS JAN. 7.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT PERMITTING A RESTRICTED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MATERIALS PROCESSING, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC), MUST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE ANY SUCH EXCHANGE AND THEN RECOMMEND IT TO THE PRESIDENT. HE THEN MUST GET THE VIEWS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND, IF HE APPROVES, INFORM THE AEC.

THE AEC THEN MUST INFORM THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SUCH EXCHANGE.

ALTHOUGH ALL OF THIS OPERATION IS SECRET, HICKENLOOPER SAID THAT THE CAREFULLY GUARDED PROCEDURE HAS BEEN USED.

HICKENLOOPER HAS OPPOSED ANY EXCHANGE OF ATOMIC INFORMATION THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE WEAPONS PROGRAM OF THIS COUNTRY.

"I HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE MY LONG-STANDING VIEWS WHICH ARE AGAINST THE EXCHANGE OF WEAPONS INFORMATION WITH ANY COUNTRY--THAT IS FABRICATION AND DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME THE SENATOR SAID HIS MIND IS NOT CLOSED "IF IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE CERTAIN INFORMATION AVAILABLE."

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FOLLOW WASHINGTON ATOMIC (A9)

CHALK RIVER, ONT., DEC. 29 (AP)-CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGING ATOMIC INFORMATION ON PROCESSING ISOTOPES FOR SOME TIME, AN OFFICIAL OF CANADA'S ATOMIC ENERGY PLANT SAID TONIGHT.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A STATEMENT BY SEN. BOURKE HICKENLOOPER IN WASHINGTON SAYING THE U.S. IS EXCHANGING SUCH INFORMATION WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS.

EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON ATOMIC "PROCESSES" HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR ABOUT A YEAR, THE CANADAIAN OFFICIAL SAID, SINCE THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY LAW WAS AMENDED TO PERMIT SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

HE DECLINED, HOWEVER, TO DESCRIBE THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE INFORMATION EXCHANGED.

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ARMED FORCES (330)

BY C.YATES MCDANIEL WILSON

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON TODAY UNDERLINED HIS POLICY OF STRENGTH THROUGH ECONOMY IN A REPORT TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER DESCRIBING U.S. MILITARY FORCES AS THE MOST POWERFUL THIS COUNTRY EVER ASSEMBLED "SHORT OF WAR."

THE REPORT, REQUIRED BY LAW, IS THE FIRST FORMAL ACCOUNTING OF STEWARDSHIP BY WILSON AND HIS NEW DEFENSE TEAM. EISENHOWER WILL FORWARD IT TO GONGRESS.

ALTHOUGH CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1953, IT ALSO DEALT WITH DEVELOPMENTS STEMMING FROM THE "NEW LOOK" AT U.S. STRATEGY AND REQUIREMENTS THAT WILSON ORDERED HIS MILITARY CHIEFS TO UNDERTAKE.

IT PLACES HEAVY EMPHASIS UPON AIR POWER, NEW WEAPONS, INCLUDING ATOMIC, AND REDUCTIONS IN MANPOWER WITHOUT WEAKENING AMERICA'S FIGHTING STRENGTH.

WILSON CITED THE NEW TEAM'S SUCCESS IN PARING $5,300,000,000 FROM THE MILITARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1954, INHERITED FROM THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION. HE ALSO REPORTED HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE FURTHER CUTS FOR THE SAKE OF ECONOMY.

ANY ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED BUDGET IN THE YEAR WHICH STARTED LAST JULY 1, WILSON SAID, WOULD HAVE INVOLVED GREATER REDUCTIONS IN THE RATE OF DEFENSE BUILD-UP THAN WAS "PRUDENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY."

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT BY THE BEGINNING OF LAST SUMMER THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES WERE BEING MET BY PRODUCTION, AND HIS BIG PROBLEM HAD BECOME THE "ORDERLY SHIFTING OF EFFORT" FROM RAPID EXPANSION TO "ECONOMICAL MAINTENANCE."

IN THE SIX MONTHS SINCE THE END OF THE PERIOD COVERED IN THE DEFENSE REVIEW, WILSON HAS INITIATED ACTION TO CARRY OUT HIS VIEWS ON "ORDERLY SHIFTING" OF EFFORTS ON THE AMERICAN DEFENSE FRONT. LESS SUCCESS HAS MET HIS EXPRESSED VIEWS ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE OTHER NATIONS IN EUROPE AND ASIA.

OF THE SIX-NATION EUROPEAN ARMY PLAN, WHICH WILSON SUPPORTED STRONGLY, THE SECRETARY LAST JUNE FORECAST RATIFICATION BY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN "THE NEAR FUTURE." THE PACT HAS NOT YET BEEN RATIFIED.

WILSON EMPHASIZED IN HIS REPORT THE IMPORTANCE OF INDOCHINA AND THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM THERE. HE SAID THE "TIMELINESS" OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN A "MAJOR FACTOR IN IMPROVING THE MILITARY SITUATION IN INDOCHINA."

THE DEFENSE CHIEF SAID A GREATER MILITARY BUILD-UP IN INDOCHINA IS A "PREREQUISITE TO EVENTUAL SUCCESS."

THE NAVY SECTION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT LISTED ACHIEVEMENTS THAT RANGED FROM THE HARNESSING OF ATOMIC POWER FOR SHIP PROPULSION TO THE PERFECTION OF "ITCHLESS" UNDERWEAR FOR SAILORS AND MARINES.

NAVY SECRETARY ANDERSON VOICED GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT "OUR AGING FLEET" BUT POINTED WITH PRIDE AT THE PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ATOMIC POWERED SUBMARINES AND WORK ON TWO 60,000-TON AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

THE NAVY SAID IT HAD TESTED AGAINST THE ENEMY IN KOREA "WITH GOOD SUCCESS" NEW AIR-TO-AIR ROCKETS THAT ARE GIVING NAVY PLANES FIRE POWER EQUIVALENT TO THREE-INCH GUNS.

THE NAVY ALSO SAID IT HAD FOUR NEW TYPES OF TORPEDOES, ALL OF THEM FAR MORE DEADLY AND MORE ACCURATE THAN WORLD WAR II WEAPONS.

ARMY SECRETARY STEVENS DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS SECTION OF THE REPORT TO A DISCUSSION OF THE ARMY'S MANPOWER PROBLEMS.

STEVENS SAID FAR TOO MANY RECRUITS AND SOLDIERS ARE "DEFICIENT MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY."

TO MEET THE "THREAT OF MASSIVE COMMUNIST ARMOR," STEVENS REPORTED, THE ARMY HAS DEVELOPED A MOBILE ANTI-TANK WEAPON SYSTEM CALLED THE "BAT" WHICH THE ARMY BELIEVES CAN KNOCK OUT ANY KNOWN TANK.

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(250) JETS
BY VERN HAUGLAND

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY PROBABLY WILL DELIVER ITS LAST PISTON ENGINE BOMBER NEXT YEAR, SAYS DEWITT C. RAMSEY, HEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES ASSN.

RAMSEY, IN A YEAR-END REVIEW ISSUED LAST NIGHT, SAID THE U.S. AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY DURING 1953 FOR THE FIRST TIME PRODUCED MORE JET-POWERED MILITARY AIRPLANES THAN THE PISTON ENGINE VARIETY.

DURING THE YEAR, THE INDUSTRY DELIVERED ITS LAST PISTON ENGINE FIGHTER, HE SAID. ALL FIGHTER CRAFT NOW IN PRODUCTION ARE OF THE SPEEDIER JET ENGINE TYPE.

"AT LEAST FOUR NEW JET FIGHTER MODELS WILL REACH VOLUME PRODUCTION DURING THE COMING YEAR AND DELIVERIES OF JET BOMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE," RAMSEY SAID.

"PRODUCTION OF JET AIRCRAFT BY YEAR'S END MAY COMPRISE 75 PER CENT OF THE MONTHLY MILITARY AIRCRAFT OUTPUT.

"IN ALL PROBABILITY THE LAST PISTON ENGINED BOMBER WILL BE DELIVERED DURING 1954."

AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID PRODUCTION OF THE ONLY REMAINING PISTON ENGINE BOMBER, THE B36, WILL GRADUALLY BE CLOSED OUT DURING 1954. THE B36 HAS SIX PISTON ENGINES AND FOUR JET ENGINES.

THEREAFTER, MILITARY PISTON ENGINE AIRCRAFT IN PRODUCTION WILL CONSIST OF TRANSPORTS, TRAINERS, SMALL RECONNAISSANCE PLANES AND HELICOPTERS.

THE AIR FORCE ALSO SAID TODAY IT WILL TEST SOME OF ITS LARGEST CARGO PLANES WITH TURBOPROP ENGINES IN PLACE OF THE CONVENTIONAL PISTON ENGINES.

THE AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, AT BALTIMORE, SAID THAT "SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE ON MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL CARGO CARRYING AIRCRAFT IS EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM THE TURBOPROP TEST PROGRAM."

TURBOPROP ENGINES ARE JET ENGINES GEARED TO TURN CONVENTIONAL PROPELLERS. AIRPLANES EQUIPPED WITH THEM ARE FASTER THAN PISTON-ENGINE TYPES, BUT NOT SO FAST AS PURE JET AIRCRAFT. THEY HAVE A LONGER RANGE THAN JETS, AND ARE MORE ECONOMICAL.

RAMSEY SAID THE INDUSTRY ALSO INCREASED ITS GUIDED MISSILE ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR, AND NOW HAS MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF UNFILLED MISSILE ORDERS.

HE ESTIMATED THE VALUE OF AIRPLANES, ENGINES, PROPELLERS AND SPARE PARTS PRODUCED IN 1953 AT NINE BILLION DOLLARS, THE THIRD LARGEST DOLLAR VOLUME IN THE INDUSTRY'S HISTORY. THE RATE OF PLANE PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 1,000 A MONTH.

RAMSEY SAID THE INDUSTRY MADE A PROFIT OF 102 MILLION DOLLARS OR "ONLY 2.3 PER CENT PROFITS ON SALES, COMPARED TO THE 1952 AVERAGE OF 5.4 PER CENT FOR ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES."

THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TURBOPROP PROGRAM SAID IT WILL START WITH THE INSTALLATION OF PRATT AND WHITNEY T34 TURBOPROP ENGINES IN TWO C97 STRATOFREIGHTERS, TWO C121 CONSTELLATIONS AND A C124 GLOBEMASTER, AND ALLISON T56 TURBOPROP ENGINES IN TWO CONVAIR C131 AIR-EVACUATION TRANSPORTS.

BOEING AIRPLANE CO., SEATTLE, WILL MODIFY THE FOUR-ENGINE, 130-PASSENGER STRATOFREIGHTERS, AND DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CORP., SANTA MONICA, CALIF., WILL MODIFY THE EVEN LARGER C124, WHICH CAN CARRY UP TO 127 HOSPITAL LITTERS AND 16 ATTENDANTS.

LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP., BURBANK, CALIF., CALIF., WILL DO THE WORK ON THE C121. THE C131S, 40-PASSENGER MILITARY VERSION OF THE CONVAIR 240 AIRLINER, WILL BE MODIFIED BY CONSOLIDATED VULTEE AIRCRAFT CORP., FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

THE FIRST OF THE MODIFIED PLANES WILL BE FLYING EARLY IN 1954, THE AIR FORCE SAID. AFTER THE AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND HAS

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TESTED THEM FOR AIRWORTHINESS AND SUITABILITY, THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE AND THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND FOR FURTHER CHECKS ON THEIR OPERATION.

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(250) HONOR MEDAL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29 (AP)-THE NAVY LAID ON THE BABY BLANKET OF A TINY CHILD TODAY THE MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO HIS FATHER WHO DIED HEROICALLY ON A KOREAN BATTLEFIELD.

THE NATION'S HIGHEST MILITARY DECORATION WAS CONFERRED POSTHUMOUSLY ON HOSPITALMAN FRANCIS COLTON HAMMOND OF ALEXANDRIA, VA., KILLED AS HE WORKED TO SAVE WOUNDED MARINES ON A FIRE-SWEPT FIELD.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ROBERT ANDERSON, ACTING IN BEHALF OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, AWARDED THE MEDAL TO THE DEAD CORPSMAN BY PLACING IT NEAR THE HAND OF 3-MONTHS OLD FRANCIS, JR., WHO WAS BORN AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH LAST MARCH 26. THE BABY'S MOTHER HELD HIS DURING THE CEREMONY.

ANDERSON CARRIED THE BABY IN HIS ARMS INTO THE PENTAGON ROOM WHERE THE CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED.

HAMMOND WAS THE FIFTH NAVY MAN AND THE FOURTH HOSPITAL CORPSMAN TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR IN THE KOREAN WAR.

ANDERSON TOLD THE BABY, AND THE ROOMFULL OF HIGH OFFICIALS AND THE RELATIVES OF THE CORPSMAN, THAT HIS FATHER RICHLY DESERVED THE HONOR FOR "HIS SUBLIME ACT OF SACRIFICE." HE SAID OF HAMMOND THAT "HIS HEROISM IS A PART OF A GREAT AND FREE CHRISTIAN AMERICA."

HAMMOND WAS SERVING WITH THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION WHEN HE MET HIS DEATH. HIS UNIT, COUNTER-ATTACKING A STRONG COMMUNIST POSITION, WAS PINNED DOWN BY MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

HE MOVED AMONG THE STRICKEN FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS, GIVING THEM AID AND HELPING THEM START TO SAFETY, DESPITE WOUNDS HE HAD RECEIVED HIMSELF. WHEN THE ORDER TO WITHDRAW CAME HE DIRECTED THE EVACUATION OF OTHER WOUNDED MARINES AND, AFTER REMAINING BEHIND TO HELP OTHER CORPSMEN, WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED.

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A30 (180)
NIGHT LEAD PALESTINE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 29 (AP)-THE SECURITY COUNCIL, STILL DIVIDED OVER WHAT TO DO ABOUT ISRAEL'S JORDAN RIVER POWER PROJECT, VOTED TODAY TO ADJOURN DEBATE ON THE ISSUE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

NINE OF THE 11 MEMBERS AGREED, AT CHINA'S PROPOSAL, TO MEET NOT EARLIER THAN JAN. 7 AND NOT LATER THAN JAN. 15 TO TAKE THE MATTER UP AGAIN. THE SOVIET UNION AND CHILE ABSTAINED.

SOVIET DELEGATE ANDREI Y. VISHINSKY SAID AGAIN THAT HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE WESTERN BIG THREE'S PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE 10-WEEK-OLD QUESTION. THIS WAS A SECOND SOVIET WARNING OF A VETO FOR THE BIG THREE PLAN.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN DEBATING THIS RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE OFF AND ON SINCE DEC. 16.

THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE THE U.N. PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF, DANISH MAJ. GEN. VAGN BENNIKE, SEEK A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA, WHICH COMPLAINED THAT ISRAEL'S PROJECT WOULD ROB HER OF IRRIGATION WATER.

AT THE START OF TODAY'S MEETING, DANISH DELEGATE WILLIAM BORBERG SAID HE AND OTHERS HAD BEEN TRYING OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TO WORK OUT A RESOLUTION TEXT THAT MOST MEMBERS WOULD APPROVE. HE REPORTED "NO SUCCESS, NO RESULTS OF OUR ENDEAVORS."

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS., DEC.29 (AP)-A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT FOR $10,000 HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST WILLIAM H. TETO, SELF-DESCRIBED FBI INFORMER WITHIN THE COMMUNIST RANKS, BY ERNEST A. STOLBA, WHO TODAY PROCLAIMED HIMSELF TETO'S UNPAID GHOST WRITER.

TETO RECENTLY APPEARED AS A STAR WITNESS AT A HEARING CONDUCTED IN BOSTON BY SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R-WIS).

STOLBA, ONE-TIME FITCHBURG NEWSPAPERMAN, IS A HOTEL CLERK.

THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS SAID THE ATTACHMENT COVERED "ANY OR ALL PROPERTY THAT TETO MAY OWN IN SOUTHERN MIDDLESEX COUNTY." TETO OWNS A HOME IN ASBY, NEAR FITCHBURG.

STOLBA, IN A STATEMENT, SAID HE HAD BEEN RETAINED BY TETO TO WRITE A BOOK "WHICH HE CALLS 'THE RED NOOSE,' AND WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO SET FORTH HIS EXPERIENCES AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND AN UNDERCOVER AGENT.

"FROM NOV.23, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1953," THE STATEMENT CONTINUED, "I WORKED ON A PART TIME BASIS FOR TETO. FROM MAY 31, 1953 TO NOV.1953, I WORKED PRACTICALLY FULL TIME WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT.

"OUR AGREEMENTS WERE THAT I WAS TO BE TETO'S ADVANCE MAN, PUBLICITY MAN ON A SPEAKING TOUR HE SAID HE WAS TO MAKE AND TO AUTHOR HIS BOOK.

"HE REPUDIATED THIS AGREEMENT IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

"I KNOW NONE OF THE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN WHAT HE TOLD ME FOR INCORPORATION IN HIS BOOK. HE HAD A MASS OF MATERIAL WHICH I ORGANIZED AND INCORPORATED INTO A BOOK. TETO TOLD ME MANY TIMES WHILE I WAS WORKING ON THE BOOK THAT I WOULD BE SET FOR LIFE."

WHEN ASKED FOR COMMENT, TETO'S LAWYER, ATTY. PAUL GEARAN, SAID: "REST ASSURED MR. TETO WILL NOT HIDE BEHIND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT."

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CHICAGO, DEC 29 (AP)-DR. HAROLD C. UREY, NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING CHEMIST WHO PIONEERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, SAID TONIGHT THE "REAL PHYSICAL" SOVEREIGNTY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ABRIDGED BY THE THREAT OF AIRPLANES CARRYING ATOMIC BOMBS AND ADDED THAT "GREAT DISTURBING CHANGES IN OUR WAY OF LIFE MUST RESULT."

IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TAU EPSILON RHO LAW FRATERNITY, UREY ADDED:

"I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL INVOLVE THE ACCPETANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO SOME EXTENT ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS IN ORDER TO GIVE US FREEDOM OF FEAR FROM THE NEW WEAPONS."

BUT AS FOR THE DANGER OF ALL-OUT ATOMIC WAR ON A GLOBAL BASIS, UREY EXPRESSED THIS VIEW:

"IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT THE NEW WEAPONS ARE SO DESTRUCTIVE THAT PERHAPS NO COUNTRY WILL START SUCH A NEW WAR."

UREY, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, ASSERTED THAT THERE ARE PERHAPS NO MORE THAN 50,000 COMMUNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT THAT "WE HAVE WITNESSED A VIRTUAL ABANDONMENT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS OF OUR CONSTITUTION" IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THIS GROUP.

CRITICIZING WHAT HE TERMED THE VIRTUAL DESTRUCTION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS BY INDIRECT ATTACKS ON THEM IN THE NAME OF SECURITY, UREY SAID:

"I BELIEVE THAT FUNDAMENTALLY WE ARE BEHAVING AS FRIGHTENED PEOPLE IN THESE MATTERS. ONLY THE U. S. S. R. SHOULD BEHAVE THIS WAY, FOR IT MUST HAVE A REAL HARD CORE OF DISLOYAL CITIZENS AFTER THE YEARS OF BRUALITY WHICH ITS GOVERNMENT HAS PRACTICED TOWARD ITS CITIZENS."

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BY JOHN RANDOLPH
PANMUNJOM, THURSDAY, DEC. 31 (AP)-INDIAN TROOPS STARTED A MAN BY MAN HEADCOUNT OF 5,000 CHINESE PRISONERS TODAY AND BY NOON HAD FOUND 40 CHINESE WHO SAID THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNIST HOMELANDS.
THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID EMPHATICALLY THE HEADCOUNT WAS NOT A SCREENING OF THE PRISONERS AND WAS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPLANATIONS WHICH CAME TO A STOP ON DEC. 23.
NEVERTHELESS, THE HEADCOUNT WAS BY FAR THE MOST SWEEPING ACT THE INDIANS YET HAVE TAKEN TO CHECK THE PRISONERS.
AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID "WE ARE USING A REASONABLE NUMBER OF TROOPS TO INSURE ORDER."
THE HEADCOUNT STARTED THIS MORNING IN ENCLOSURE B OF THE SOUTH CAMP WHERE 22,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS ARE HELD.
"THE MEN FROM EACH COMPOUND ARE TAKEN OUT INTO THE CHICKEN RUN BETWEEN THE SURROUNDING WIRE FENCES," THE INDIAN SAID. "THERE HE (EACH ONE) IS GIVEN A PIECE OF PAPER BY AN INDIAN SOLDIER AND HE WRITES DOWN HIS NAME AND HIS NUMBER."

"THEN HE MOVES TOWARD THE GATE, WHERE HE HANDS THE SLIP OF PAPER TO AN INDIAN OFFICER. THE OFFICER CHECKS THIS AGAINST HIS MASTER LIST AND IF NECESSARY ADJUSTS HIS ROSTER.
"THE PRISONERS ARE KEPT SEVERAL FEET APART FROM EACH OTHER AND UP TO NOON, 40 OF THEM TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR REPATRIATION.
"HOWEVER, THIS HEADCOUNT IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED IN LIEU OF EXPLANATIONS, NOR IN ANY SENSE A SCREENING OF THE PRISONERS BY THE CUSTODIAN FORCE, INDIA."
ENCLOSURE B HAS 10 COMPOUNDS, EACH WITH ABOUT 500 PRISONERS.

THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO EXTEND THE HEADCOUNT TO THE NORTH CAMP WHERE 22 AMERICAN PRISONERS REFUSING REPATRIATION ARE HELD.
THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS NOT CERTAIN IF THE HEADCOUNT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE ANTI-COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN CAPTIVES. HE SAID THE INDIAN COMMAND HOPED TO COMPLETE THE HEADCOUNT OF 5,000 CHINESE TODAY.
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COMMAND HOPED TO COMPLETE THE HEADCOUNT OF 5,000 CHINESE TODAY.
ABOUT 20,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST POWS AND 100 PRO-COMMUNISTS INCLUDING THE 22 AMERICANS WERE NOT GIVEN EXPLANATIONS DURING THE 90-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE ARMISTICE.
THE REDS HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION TIME BUT THE U.N. COMMAND RESISTED. THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION IN A MAJORITY REPORT ASKED THE TWO COMMANDS TO DECIDE THE NEXT STEP.
AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UP TO MID-AFTERNOON THERE HAD BEEN NO VIOLENCE IN MAKING THE HEADCOUNT.
HE SAID THAT THE 40 PRISONERS WHO ASKED FOR REPATRIATION BEFORE NOON ALREADY HAD BEEN VALIDATED. THOSE ASKING REPATRIATION IN THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE VALIDATED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND THE WHOLE GROUP TURNED OVER TO THE COMMUNISTS LATE TODAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.
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TOKYO, THURSDAY, DEC. 31 (AP)-COMMUNIST YEAR END MESSAGES BROADCAST BY THE PEIPING RADIO TODAY EMPHASIZED VIGILANCE AND READINESS TO FIGHT IN KOREA, BUT AT THE SAME TIME CONCEDED THERE WAS A "SLIGHT RELAXATION" OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN 1953.
THE PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS WERE HEARD IN TOKYO IN SUCCESSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS.
PEOPLES DAILY, OFFICIAL CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN, CREDITED THE RELAXATION OF TENSION TO THE "PEACE POLICY" ADOPTED BY THE SOVIET UNION, RED CHINA AND THE RED "NEW DEMOCRACIES."
IN A REVIEW, PEOPLES DAILY CLAIMED THAT A FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THE PEIPING GOVERNMENT, "MUST BE HELD TO MAKE AN OVERALL EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM OF EASING WORLD TENSION."
ON INDOCHINA, THE REVIEW SAID A SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN DEMANDING AN END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM IS IN PROGRESS T
HROUGHOUT FRANCE. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE PEACE OFFER MADE LAST MONTH BY THE MOSCOW-TRAINED VIET MINH LEADER, HO CHI MINH, NOR OF HIS CURRENT INTENSIFIED OFFENSIVE.
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TOKYO, THURSDAY, DEC. 31 (AP)-RADIO PEIPING SAID TODAY THE U. N. COMMAND WAS "WARNED TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION" TO THREE AIR VIOLATIONS OVER THE NEUTRAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION.
THE BROADCAST, HEARD IN TOKYO, SAID THE WARNING AGAINST "PROVOCATIVE ACTS" WAS MADE AT A MEETING OF MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION SECRETARIES BY COL. JU YON.
THE VIOLATIONS WERE SAID TO HAVE TAEN PLACE ON DEC. 29 WHEN TWO U.S. JETS ALLEGEDLY FLEW OVER THE PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS NEAR PANMUNJOM, AND TWICE ON DEC. 23 WHEN JETS ASSERTEDLY PASSED OVER KAESONG, THE COMMUNIST TRUCE HEADQUARTERS.
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B31KX (Q)
TOKYO, DEC. 30 (AP)-FIFTY-TWO JAPANESE, ONCE SENTENCED TO DEATH AS WAR CRIMINALS, WALKED OUT OF TOKYO'S SUGAMO PRISON FREE MEN TODAY UNDER AN AMNESTY GRANTED BY OUTGOING PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ELPIDIO QUIRINO.
QUIRINO, AFTER REDUCING THEIR SENTENCES TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND ORDERING THEIR RETURN TO JAPAN LAST JULY 4, GRANTED COMPLETE PARDONS YESTERDAY AS ONE OF HIS LAST OFFICIAL ACTS.
ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR RELEASE WAS THAT THEY NEVER SET FOOT AGAIN IN THE PHILIPPINES.
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FIRST LEAD SPELLMAN (180)
CHINHAE, KOREA, DEC 30 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN MET WITH PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE FOR AN HOUR TODAY AND RECEIVED HIS GRATITUDE AID AMERICAN CIVILIANS AND SERVICEMEN HAVE GIVEN TO REHABILITATE WAR DEVASTATED SOUTH KOREA.
THE CARDINAL LEAVES TOMORROW FOR TOKYO, WINDING UP HIS NINE DAY CHRISTMAS TOUR OF KOREA.
HE TOLD RHEE THAT SOME 2,600,000 POUNDS OF CLOTHING DONATED BY AMERICAN CATHOLICS WOULD ARRIVE IN PUSAN IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

RHEE THANKED HIM FOR EARLIER SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING, FOOD AND MEDICIN SENT BY CATHOLIC WAR RELIEF SERVICES IN THE UNITED STATES.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN CAME TO CHINHAE, RHEE'S HOLIDAY RETREAT, FROM PUSAN, WHERE HE DONATED $1,000 TO ST. BENEDICT CLINIC AND $8,500 TO THE MARYKNOLL SISTERS CLINIC, BOTH OF WHICH ADMINISTER TO THE CITY'S POOR.

HE ALSO ADDRESSED ABOUT 700 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN TELLING THEM THEY ARE INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADORS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE CARDINAL BEGAN HIS DAY WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT AN EARLY MASS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER YORKTOWN. HE THEN FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO PUSAN.

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BY SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, THURSDAY, DEC. 31-(AP)-CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND OTHER CHINESE NATIONALIST LEADERS APPARENTLY REALIZE THAT THE NEW YEAR IS ONE OF DECISION - A YEAR IN WHICH THEY MUST SHOW THEY HAVE THE STUFF IN THEM TO COME BACK AGAINST CHINA'S REDS, OR GRADUALLY FADE AWAY TO A HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE.

PRESIDENT CHIANG HIMSELF SET THE KEYNOTE WHEN HE REMARKED DURING THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT NIXON LAST MONTH:

"NEXT YEAR WILL BE THE DECISIVE YEAR FOR US -- IT WILL EITHER BE VICTORY OR DEFEAT, SUCCESS OR FAILURE, GLORY OR DISGRACE."

FORMOSA NEWSPAPERS REPEATEDLY HAVE REFERRED TO CHIANG'S STATEMENT AND CHRISTENED 1954 THE YEAR OF DECISION.

CHIANG FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN ASSURED OF U.S. AID FOR THE SECURITY OF FORMOSA ITSELF. THE LATEST ASSURANCE CAME DURING THE VISIT THIS WEEK OF ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. RADFORD SAID TO NEWSMEN THAT AID "WILL BE CONTINUED AS PRESENTLY PLANNED."

THIS ALLAYED FEARS THAT AMERICAN AID WOULD BE CUT BACK.

THE YEAR NOW CLOSING WAS ONE OF NATIONALIST PREPARATION.

ON THE CIVIL WAR FRONT THE MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT WAS THE RAID LAST JUNE ON COMMUNIST-HELD TUNGSHAN ISLAND, NEAR AMOY. IT MARKED THE FIRST USE OF NATIONALIST PARATROOPERS AGAINST THE REDS.

APART FROM THE TUNGSHAN RAID NOTHING MUCH ELSE OCCURRED EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL ACTIONS OFF THE RED MAINLAND BETWEEN SMALL ARMED CRAFT.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND PARTICULARLY AFTER THE KOREAN FIGHTING ENDED, FORMOSA DEFENSES AGAINST POSSIBLE COMMUNIST AIR RAIDS WERE TIGHTENED.

A MARKED DEVELOPMENT IN THE BUILDUP OF CHIANG'S FORCES CAME LAST JUNE WHEN THE FIRST U.S. F-84 THUNDERJETS WERE PROVIDED UNDER THE MILITARY AID PROGRAM.

AS 1953 CLOSED THERE WERE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT THE NATIONALIST AIR FORCE ALSO WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH U.S. F-86 SABRE JETS, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIUL TO MEET THE POSSIBLE USE OF RUSSIAN MIG 15S BY THE CHINESE REDS.

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THERE WAS NO ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING THE SECRET TALKS BETWEEN RADFORD AND CHIANG THIS WEEK.

PRESS REPORTS SPECULATED THAT CHIANG STRESSED THE NEED OF A LARGER AIR FORCE AND NAVY FOR LIMITED STRIKES AGAINST THE RED MAINLAND.

WHILE AIR AND NAVAL OFFICERS ARE BEING TRAINED UNDER THE U.S. MILITARY AID PROGRAM, IT IS IN THE AIR AND AT SEA THAT CHIANG IS WEAKEST. SMALL WARSHIPS, AS WELL AS PLANES, ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES.

(THE SIZE OF THE NATIONALIST FORCES IS OF COURSE A MILITARY SECRET. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT ALL SERVICES TOTAL 600,000 MEN. MAJ. GEN. GEORGE OLMSTEAD, FORMER DIRECTOR OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SAID IN WASHINGTON LAST FEBRUARY THE NATIONALISTS HAD 2,000 GOOD PILOTS AND AN ARMY OF 252,000 MEN.)

MORE REMNANTS OF CHIANG'S ARMIES, SHATTERED IN THE COMMUNIST DRIVE TO VICTORY ON THE MAINLAND, FOUND THEIR WAY BACK TO FORMOSA IN 1953, BOLSTERING THE GROUND FORCES.

THERE WAS A WITHDRAWAL TO FORMOSA OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 NATIONALIST TROOPS INTERNED BY THE FRENCH IN INDOCHINA.

MORE RECENTLY 2,254 CHINESE WHO FOUGHT AS GUERRILLAS IN BURMA, WERE FLOWN IN FROM THE THAILAND FRONTIER.

SOME 14,500 OTHER CHINESE TROOPS IN KOREA MAY COME TO FORMOSA IN 1954. AT LEAST PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO WELCOME THEM. THEY ARE THE CHINESE WAR PRISONERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GO BACK TO THEIR COMMUNIST HOMELAND AND ARE DUE FOR RELEASE TO CIVILIAN STATUS JAN. 22 UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE. THE COMMUNISTS ARE VIGOROUSLY PROTESTING AGAINST THEIR RELEASE UNTIL AFTER A PEACE CONFERENCE IS CONVENED

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WITH INDOCHINA

TAIPEH. FORMOSA. DEC. 30 (AP)-NATIONALIST CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER DECLARED TODAY THE VIET MINH COMMUNIST INVASION OF LAOS IN INDOCHINA THREATENS THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WHOLE OF ASIA.

MINISTER GEORGE YEH ASSERTED IN A STATEMENT THE RED DRIVE WAS DIRECTED BY RED CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

AS LONG AS THE COMMUNISTS HOLD THE CHINESE MAINLAND AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS, YEH SAID, FREE ASIAN NATIONS "WILL BE IN CONSTANT DANGER OF FALLING PREY TO FURTHER INVASION."

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LONDON, DEC.30 (AP)-BRITAIN HAS MADE A FRESH APPROACH TO THE KREMLIN TO OBTAIN EXIT VISAS FOR THREE RUSSIAN WIVES OF BRITISH CITIZENS, INCLUDING TWO WHO ARE REPORTED HELD IN SOVIET LABOR CAMPS, THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID TODAY.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR WILLIAM HAYTER CALLED ON SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER V.M.MOLOTOV NOV.6 AND ASKED PERMISSION FOR THE WIVES TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN ENGLAND, A SPOKESMAN TOLD THE DAILY NEWS CONFERENCE. ALL THE WIVES DISAPPEARED WHILE WORKING FOR THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THIS LATEST MOVE FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT A RECENTLY REPATRIATED GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR SAW TWO OF THE WOMEN IN A SIBERIAN LABOR CAMP.

THE THREE WOMEN ARE:

MRS.PATRICK HENDERSON, WIFE OF A FORMER FOREIGN OFFICIAL NOW WORKING AS AN ENGINEER IN TORONTO, CANADA. SHE DISAPPEARED JAN.27,1951.

MRS.JOHN BURKE, WIFE OF A BANK MANAGER IN EALING, ENGLAND. SHE VANISHED ON JULY 20, 1950.

MRS.JOHN BOLTON, WHO VANISHED IN 1951. HER HUSBAND, A FORMER ROYAL AIR FORCE SERGEANT, NOW LIVES IN COGGESHALL. ENGLAND.

MRS.HENDERSON AND MRS.BURKE WERE THE WOMEN REPORTED BY THE REPATRIATED GERMAN TO HAVE BEEN SEEN IN A LABOR CAMP. MRS.BOLTON HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE SHE DISAPPEARED.

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LONDON, DEC. 30 (AP)-THE FOREIGN OFFICE EXPRESSED HOPE TODAY THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO SET UP A KOREAN POLITICAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE RESUMED BEFORE JAN. 22 BUT WARNED THERE WAS NO INDICATION AT PRESENT OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

THE TALKS AT PANMUNJOM WERE BROKEN OFF DEC. 12 WHEN U. S. ENVOY ARTHUR DEAN WALKED OUT DEMANDING THAT NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE COMMUNISTS RETRACT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

"WE HOPE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED BEFORE JAN. 22," A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID. "BUT SO FAR THERE IS NO INDICATION THEY WILL."

DEAN, WHO RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE BREAKDOWN OF THE CONFERENCE, HAS TERMED THE OUTLOOK "DISCOURAGING" BUT NOT "HOPELESS."

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LONDON, DEC 30 (AP)-A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY AMERICA AND BRITAIN ARE EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON ATOMIC ISOTOPES.

HE SAID "WITHOUT DOUBT" BRITAIN WAS ONE OF THE "FRIENDLY NATIONS" MENTIONED BY SEN. BOURKE HICKENLOOPER (R-IOWA) YESTERDAY WITH WHOM AMERICA IS SWAPPING DATA ON ISOTOPE PROCESSING.

ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICIALS IN CANADA SAID THAT COUNTRY ALSO HAS BEEN EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON ISOTOPE PROCESSING FOR SOME TIME.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN ADDED HE WAS SURPRISED HICKENLOOPER CALLED THE EXCHANGES SECRET.

HE SAID BRITAIN IS EXPORTING ISOTOPES, USED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS, TO 42 COUNTRIES AND DOES NOT REGARD THEIR PROCESSING AS A CLASSIFIED MATTER.

HE ADDED THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS ONE MORE INDICATION OF "AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO GET TOGETHER WITH BRITAIN ON ATOMIC ENERGY."

HICKENLOOPER DID NOT SAY WHAT COUNTRIES WERE BENEFITTING FROM AMERICAN RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD OR FROM WHAT SOURCES THE UNITED STATES WAS RECEIVING INFORMATION.

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BY MARC PURDUE

PARIS, DEC.30 -(AP)-BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES WERE REPORTED DIVIDED TONIGHT OVER THE MANNER AND TIMING OF GUARANTEES TO RUSSIA AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE UNPROVOKED ATTACK.

AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE SAID EXPERTS OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAVE DRAFTED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS BROADLY ACCEPTING THE IDEA THAT SOME PLEDGE SHOULD BE OFFERED TO THE SOVIETS TO RELIEVE THEIR PROFESSED FEAR OF AGGRESSION BY THE WEST, PARTICULARLY THROUGH GERMANY.

THIS IDEA FIRST WAS FORWARDED BY BRITAIN WND ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPAL AT THE BEGMUDA CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, PREMIER JOSEPH LANIEL AND PRIME MINISTER SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL.

HOWEVER, THE INFORMANT SAID, THESE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH HAVE SINCE EMERGED:

1. FRANCE BELIEVES THE GUARANTEES SHOULD BE OFFERED IN A JOINT THREE-POWER DECLARATION ISSUED BEFORE THE PROJECTED BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN BERLIN. HER DIPLOMATS SAY SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE WEST'S GOODWILL BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS AND WOULD AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF PROTRACTED DISCUSSION AT BERLIN ON THE QUESTION OF GUARANTEES.

2. THE U.S. VIEW IS THAT THE OFFER OF GUARANTEES SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE SOVIETS DURING THE BERLIN TALKS ON GERMANY'S

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FUTURE, BUT THAT NO MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF GERMANY SPECIFICALLY. MOREOVER, THE AMERICANS ARE FIRM THAT NO NON-AGGRESSION TREATY BE DISCUSSED, MUCH LESS CONCLUDED, BEFORE THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY--THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE BERLIN MEETING.

3. BRITAIN'S POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN CLEARLY STATED, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT IT WOULD, PERHAPS, FAVOR A MULTI-PARTY PACT WITH THE SOVIETS--EITHER THE BIG THREE OR, MAYBE, ALL THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY POWERS ON ONE SIDE AND RUSSIA ON THE OTHER--TO PROVIDE NON-AGGRESSION GUARANTEES.

PARIS, WASHINGTON AND LONDON NOW ARE COMMUNICATING THROUGH REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO RESOLVE THESE VARYING APPROACHES INTO A SINGLE POSITION BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS GATHER AT BERLIN.

ALL THREE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE BERLIN SESSION MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL JAN.25, AS MOSCOW HAS ASKED, AND THAT THE EXACT PLACE IN BERLIN WHERE IT IS TO BE HELD SHHOULD BE LEFT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOUR POWERS TO SETTLE.

FRANCE'S GOVERNMENT APPROVED ITS NOTE TO MOSCOW TO THAT EFFECT TODAY, AND SEPARATE BUT SIMILAR NOTES FROM WASHINGTON AND LONDON ARE REPORTED READY. ALL THREE WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS THEY HAVE THE APPROVAL OF ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS.

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PARIS, DEC. 30 (AP)-FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGES BIDAULT TOLD THE FRENCH CABINET TODAY THAT FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN WILL ACCEPT RUSSIA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET JAN. 25.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE NOTE TO ZE SENT TO MOSCOW SOON WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR A PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY TO DISCUSS THE EXACT PLACE OF THE MEETING.

EARLIER TODAY BIDAULT REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE BIG THREE'S BERMUDA CONFERENCE AND ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ATOMIC PROPOSALS.

HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT AT BERMUDA BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL HAD FAVORED INTEGRATION OF A WEST GERMAN ARMY INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, BUT THAT HE REMINDED CHURCHILL FRANCE HOLDS A VETO ON NEW MEMBERS IN NATO.

HE REPORTED ALSO THAT EISENHOWER HELD THE OPINION THAT "AN AUTONOMOUS GERMAN ARMY IS DESIRABLE NEITHER FOR FRANCE, FOR THE UNITED STATES NOR FOR GERMANY."

BIDAULT CALLED THE RUSSIAN REPLY TO EISENHOWER'S ATOMIC PROPOSALS "A FAVORABLE ELEMENT FOR DISCUSSION."

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A33 (120)

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED POWERS EUROPE, DEC. 30 (AP)-NATO'S AIR TRAINING ADVISORY GROUP, WHICH COORDINATES THE TRAINING OF AIRMEN FOR WESTERN DEFENSE, WILL COME DIRECTLY UNDER SHAPE COMMANDER GEN. ALFRED M.GRUENTHER JAN. 1, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE OLD ADVISORY GROUP WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED WITHIN THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN UNION ALLIANCE, BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, AND BRITAIN.

IT LATER WAS EXPANDED TO ALL OF NATO, WITH THE GOAL OF STANDARDIZING FLYING TRAINING IN ALL THE 14 MEMBER NATIONS.

IT HAS FUNCTIONED APART FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMAND SINCE 1952, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE STANDING GROUP OF NATO'S MILITARY COMMITTEE.

IT IS NOW RECOGNIZED THAT AIR TRAINING MORE LOGICALLY COMES UNDER

THE ALLIED COMMAND IN EUROPE.
TA936PES

A106
(160)
BERLIN, DEC.30 (AP)-THE WEST BERLIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE REPORTED TODAY THAT 340,000 TO 350,000 EAST GERMANS FLED THEIR COMMUNIST-RULED HOMELAND DURING 1953 TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE WEST.
U.S. OFFICIALS SAID AT THE SAME TIME THAT AMERICA HELPED RESETTLE MORE THAN 7,000 IRON CURTAIN REFUGEES IN OTHER LANDS DURING THE YEAR. AN ADDITIONAL 15,000 REFUGEES WERE GIVEN FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER A PROGRAM ALSO SUPPORTED BY AUSTRIA, GERMANY, ITALY, GREECE, TURKEY AND THE TRIESTE TERRITORY.
THE WEST BERLIN INSTITUTE SAID THE FLOW OF REFUGEES TO THE WEST RESULTED IN A NET DROP IN THE EAST ZONE'S POPULATION OF ALMOST 300,000. IT SAID BIRTHS IN THE SOVIET-CONTROLLED AREA EXCEEDED DEATHS BY ONLY 50,000 TO 60,000. EAST GERMANY'S POPULATION AT THE END OF 1952 WAS 17,300,000.
RICHARD R.BROWN, FIELD DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ESCAPEE PROGRAM, SAID IN FRANKFURT A MAJORITY OF THE REFUGEES RESETTLED DURING THE YEAR WENT TO THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, BRAZIL AND AUSTRALIA. THE TOTAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM WAS $1,400,000, HE ADDED.
LS920AES

1953

A134 (120)
BERLIN, DEC.30 (AP)-EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST POLITICAL QUARTERS REPORTED TODAY MOSCOW HAS NOMINATED A "FIRST TEAM" OF FOUR TOP-RANKING DIPLOMATS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN BERLIN NEXT MONTH.
THESE CIRCLES SAID RUDOLF APPELT, EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE KREMLIN, HAS SENT THIS INFORMATION TO PRIME MINISTER OTTO GROTEWOHL.
THEY ADDED THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER V.M. MOLOTOV, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO, JAKOB MALIK, AMBASSADOR TO LONDON, AND I.I. ILYICHEV, SOVIET HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRIA.
THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES PRESENTLY ARE DRAFTING THEIR REPLIES TO A SOVIET NOTE ASKING THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD JAN.25 OR AFTER. WASHINGTON, LONDON AND PARIS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL AGREE TO THIS BUT WILL ASK THAT A FIRM DATE OF JAN.25 BE SET.
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A141
BERLIN, DEC.30 (AP)-REFUGEES FROM THE SOVIET ZONE TOLD WEST BERLIN ANTI-COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND CIRCLES TODAY THAT TWO RUSSIAN FIGHTER PLANES COLLIDED TWO WEEKS AGO IN EAST GERMANY, CRASHED IN A WORKERS' CAMP AND SPREAD WIDE DESTRUCTION.
THE TWO PILOTS WERE REPORTED KILLED, AND 23 GERMAN WORKERS WERE INJURED, THREE OF THEM SO SERIOUSLY THEY DIED LATER IN A HOSPITAL. THE CRASH HAPPENED NEAR THE DREWITZ AIRFIELD, THE REFUGEES SAID.
ALLIED OFFICERS SAID THE SOVIET AIRFORCE MAINTAINS A JET FIGHTER FIELD AT DREWITZ, MOSTLY FOR MIG-15'S AND U-15 JET TRAINERS. THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE ACCIDENT.
ML1134AES

A31 (180)
HERLESHAUSEN, GERMANY, DEC. 30 (AP)-A TOTAL OF 300 FORMER SOLDIERS IN HITLER'S ARMY CROSSED THE WEST GERMAN BORDER TONIGHT, MOST OF THEM FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE RUSSIAN TROOPS CAPTURED THEM IN WORLD WAR II.
THEY ARRIVED JUST ACROSS THE BORDER FROM THIS VILLAGE CHECKPOINT AND CLAMBERED OUT OF SOVIET MILITARY BUSES WHICH BROUGHT THEM HERE FROM EISENACH, EAST GERMANY.
MOST OF THE MEN HAD LIVED NEARLY 10 YEARS IN A CAMP DEEP IN THE URALS.
THEY LOOKED LEAN BUT FIT AS THEY BOARDED WEST GERMAN BUSES TO TAKE THEM TO CAMP FRIEDLAND, WEST GERMANY'S BIGGEST TRANSIT CAMP. ANOTHER 1,000 PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED BY COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES TOMORROW.
THE MEN HAD LITTLE TO SAY. WEST GERMANS SAID PERHAPS THEY FEARED REPRISALS AGAINST THOSE STILL IN RUSSIAN HANDS.
SOME OF THE MEN WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY THE RUSSIANS IN 1945 AFTER BEING FREED FROM BRITISH AND AMERICAN CUSTODY AND AFTER THEY HAD RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN EAST GERMANY. MANY WERE SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF WAR CRIMES.
IN BERLIN, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ADN SAID IN ALL 1,935 PRISONERS WERE RELEASED TODAY. OVER HALF OF THESE HEADED FOR THEIR HOMES IN BERLIN AND THE EAST ZONE.
A TOTAL OF 9,300 GERMAN POWS HAVE BEEN RELEASED SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET AMNESTY FOR MINOR WAR CRIMINALS LAST AUGUST.
WW634PES

1953

A54 (120)
FRANKFURT, GERMANY, DEC. 30 (AP)-U.S. CONSULATE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CHANGED THE COMBINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS SAFE IN THE OFFICE OF OUSTED CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM CLARK HERE "AS A ROUTINE SECURITY MEASURE," IT WAS LEARNED TONIGHT.
A RELIABLE SOURCE, WHO DECLINED THE USE OF HIS NAME, SAID TWO CONSULATE REPRESENTATIVES, ACCOMPANIED BY A U.S. MARINE, ENTERED CLARK'S OFFICE YESTERDAY AND EXPLAINED THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED BY THE U.S. HIGH COMMISSION IN BONN TO TAKE "SECURITY MEASURES."
THE DEFIANT JUDGE FROM PRINCETON, N. J., WAS SUSPENDED DEC. 9 WHEN HE REFUSED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO HIS DISMISSAL JAN. 3 FOR WHAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT CALLED ECONOMY REASONS.
THE WEALTHY JURIST, IN PARIS YESTERDAY, SAID HE WAS "BLOODY AND AUNBOWED" BY STATED DEPARTMENT MEASURES TO FORCE HIM HOME. HE SAILS TOMORROW FOR NEW YORK.
SS304PES

B66 Q (120)
VIENNA, DEC.30 (AP)-POLICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A CZECHOSLOVAK WOMAN HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM AUSTRIA ON CHARGES OF TRYING TO RECRUIT AGENTS FOR THE CZECH SECRET SERVICE.
THE YOUNG WOMAN WAS OUSTED DEC.15, AND POLICE DID NOT SAY WHY THEY HAD WITHHELD ANNOUNCING HER OUSTER UNTIL TODAY.
THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MARIA SCHMIDTOVA, 32, A CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZEN, OF BRNO, WAS ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER IN VIENNA FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OF AUSTRIA.
POLICE SAID SHE ADMITTED SHE WAS UNDER CZECH ORDERS TO RECRUIT AUSTRIANS AS INFORMANTS FOR THE CZECH SECRET SERVICE.
MISS SCHMIDTOVA, THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED, ALSO ADMITTED HAVING BEEN UNDER ORDERS TO OBSERVE "VARIOUS PERSONS" IN AUSTRIA AND ARRANGE FOR CONTACTS BETWEEN HER PROSPECTIVE AUSTRIAN RECRUITS AND HER CZECHOSLOVAK SUPERIORS.
POLICE SAID THEY ARE CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF MISS SCHMIDTOVA.
MD1111AES

A33
VIENNA, DEC. 30 (AP)-COMMUNIST ROMANIA MUST PERFECT THE ART OF WAR, THE ROMANIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, GENERAL OF THE ARMY EMIL BODNARASH, SAID TODAY.
RADIO BUCHAREST, HEARD HERE, BROADCAST AN ORDER OF THE DAY SIGNED BY GEN. BODNARASH ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN 1947.
THE ORDER SAID: "WE ALL MUST PERFECT THE ART OF WAR TO INCREASE OUR FIGHTING CAPACITY" AND APPEALED TO ROMANIAN ADMIRALS, OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS TO "CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT."
WW637PES

A112
ATHENS, [redacted], DEC 30 (AP)-TWO YUGOSLAV REFUGEES WHO DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS URANIUM TECHNICIANS SAID TODAY THAT THREE OR FOUR AMERICANS ARE ENGAGED IN ATOMIC RESEARCH IN YUGOSLAV STATE LABORATORIES 10 MILES OUTSIDE BELGRADE.
TOMISLAV VASSILIOVIC AND MIDRUG BISERCIS, BOTH 23, SAID AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR URANIUM IN YUGOSLAVIA DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS HAD UNCOVERED DEPOSITS IN SERBIA.
THE YOUNG MEN SURRENDERED TO GREEK BORDER AUTHORITIES LAST SUMMER AND ASKED POLITICAL ASYLUM. THEY HAVE BEEN IN A SPECIAL CAMP AT LAVRIO 30 MILES FROM ATHENS, WITH ANOTHER 500 IRON CURTAIN AND YUGOSLAV REFUGE
MT940AES

A34
ISTANBUL, TURKEY, DEC. 30 (AP)-OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT 81 OF 167 ALLEGED COMMUNISTS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL BUT WILL CONTINUE ON TRIAL BEFORE A SECRET MILITARY COURT.
AUTHORITIES TOLD NEWSMEN THE 81 WERE FREED BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAD BEEN HELD FOR PERIODS LONGER THAN THE SENTENCES DEMANDED FOR THEM BY TH PROSECUTION.
MANY HAD BEEN JAILED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE MASS SEDITION TRIAL OCT. 15. THERE IS NO INDICATION WHEN THE TRIAL WILL BE ENDED.
THE 86 DEFENDANTS STILL HELD IN JAIL INCLUDE PERSONS ACCUSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BEING LEADERS OF TURKEY'S COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION.
WW639PES

1953

A188 (300)
AMS BUDGET
NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINA
BY LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC.30 (AP)-THE ARMIES OF MOSCOW-TRAINED HO CHI MINH--EQUIPPED AND ADVISED BY RED CHINA--ARE APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO MAKE 1954 A "YEAR OF DECISION" IN THE 7-YEAR-OLD INDOCHINA WAR.
THERE WERE STRONG INDICATIONS TODAY THAT HO CHI MINH IS GOING TO RISK EVERYTHING IN AN ALL-OUT ATTEMPT TO STRIKE A CRUSHING BLOW AT THE FRENCH UNION FORCES OR AT LEAST MAKE THE SITUATION LOOK SO BAD THAT HE MIGHT GAIN A NEGOTIATED PEACE.
THE COMMUNIST-LED REBELS ATTACKED THREE FRENCH STRONG POINTS IN NORTHERN LAOS AND, AMID PATROL CLASHES, CLOSED IN ON THE FORTRESS OF DIEN BIEN PHU, FARTHER NORTH IN NEIGHBORING VIET NAM. THEY SEEMED TO E SHIFTING THE EMPHASIS OF THEIR YULETIDE OFFENSIVE FROM CENTRAL TO NORTH INDOCHINA.
INFORMED FRENCH CIRCLES SPECULATED THE REBELS' IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE WILL PROVE TO BE THE CONQUEST OF DIEN BIEN PHU, WHERE A STRONG GARRISON SUPPLIED BY AIR FORMS A STANDING THREAT TO RED EXPANSION SOUTHWARD.
THE REGION OF DIEN BIEN PHU IS BOTH A RICE BOWL OF THE MOUNTAINOUS THAI TRIBAL COUNTRY AND A GATEWAY TO LAOS.

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BOTH ADVERSARIES ARE SUSTAINED BY OUTSIDE HELP--THE VIETMINH WITH 3,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES MONTHLY FROM RED CHINA AND THE FRENCH WITH 20,000 TONS OF MODERN EQUIPMENT MONTHLY FROM THE UNITED STATES.
THE VIETMINH TROOPS ALREADY HAVE CUT INDOCHINA IN TWO BY DRIVING FROM THE SEACOAST OF CENTRAL VIETNAM THROUGH THE NARROW WAIST OF LAOS TO THE FRONTIER OF THAILAND.
THERE ARE SIGNS THAT FIGHTING IS GOING TO SPREAD LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE.
HERE ARE THE SALIENT POINTS:
WITHIN THE RICH RICE-GROWING RED RIVER DELTA--THE MAIN FRENCH BULWARK AGAINST THE SURGE OF COMMUNISM INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA--60,000 VIETMINH REGULAR, REGIONAL AND GUERRILLA FIGHTERS ARE STEPPING UP ASSAULTS ON DEFENSE POSTS AND WRECKING LINES OF COMMUNICATION.
TWO VIETMINH DIVISIONS, 308 AND 312, ARE MASSED OUTSIDE OF THE DELTA'S DEFENSE PERIMETER 40 MILES NORTH OF HANOI AND MIGHT ATTACK AT ANY TIME.
AS PINPOINTED ON THE MILITARY MAPS, THE ACTIONS TODAY TOOK ROUGHLY THE SHAPE OF A DIAMOND. THE POINTS OF THE DIAMOND ARE DIEN BIEN PHU, CENTERED ON A RICH PLAIN OF 10 SQUARE MILES THAT FRENCH PARACHUTISTS WRESTED FROM THE REBELS NOV.20; MUONG LAP, A LAOTIAN VILLAGE 90 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST; THE PLAINE DES JARRES, A FORTIFIED PLATEAU 130 MILES SOUTH OF DIEN BIEN PHU WHERE AN ANCIENT PEOPLE ONCE INTERRED THE ASHES OF THEIR DEAD IN JARS; AND PAK SENG, 80 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DIEN BIEN PHU AND 36 MILES NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, THE ROYAL CAPITAL OF LAOS.
THE VIETMINH "IRON DIVISION," NO.316, ADVANCED CAUTIOUSLY UPON DIEN BIEN PHU, APPARENTLY HOPING TO ENCIRCLE THE PLAIN FROM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS BEFORE TRYING AN ALL OUT ASSAULT ON ITS WIRE-GUARDED ENTRENCHMENTS.
THE VANGUARD OF THE DIVISION, EQUIPPED WITH SOME OF THE BEST AND HEAVIEST EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FROM COMMUNIST CHINA, WAS REPORTED ONLY FOUR MILES AWAY.

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A189
STRONG FRENCH UNION PATROLS CLASHED WITH REBEL DETACHMENTS BOTH NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST OF DIEN BIEN PHU AND FRENCH FIGHTER PLANES STRAFED THE DIVISION HEAVILY. THERE WAS NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOSSES FROM EITHER SIDE.
FRENCH ARMY SOURCES PREDICTED THAT WHEN THE VIETMINH ATTACK COMES, THE FIGHTING WILL BE HARD AND HEAVY. THE REBELS, PERHAPS 20,000 STRONG, ARE COUNTING ON THEIR SUPERIOR NUMBERS TO OVERCOME THE FRENCH ADVANTAGES IN TRAINING, DISCIPLINE AND AMERICAN-SUPPLIED WEAPONS.
THE FRENCH DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT THE FIGHTING IN LAOS, BUT THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE RAIDERS WERE REPULSED.
THAT ACTION, CENTERED IN TERRITORY INVADED BRIEFLY BY THE VIETMINH LAST SPRING, CAME AS AN EERIE CALM ENVELOPED CENTRAL LAOS.
FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE DAY, MOBILE FRENCH COLUMNS FANNING NORTHWARD FROM THE FORTIFIED AIRFIELD CENTER OF SENO WERE UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE VIETMINH WHO HAD PLUNGED ACROSS THE KINGDOM TO THAKHEK, ON THE MEKONG RIVER. FRENCH SCOUTS ADVANCED THROUGH THE JUNGLE ALONG THE MEKONG TO THE CONFLUENCE OF THE SE NOI AND SE DANG FAI RIVERS, 15 MILES NORTH OF THAKHEK, WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING RESISTANCE.
FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE DAY ALSO, FRENCH PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED THE REGION OF HA TINH, IN VIET NAM, FROM WHICH THE REBELS JUMPED OFF DEC.22 IN THEIR PUSH TOWARD THE MEKONG.
THOUGH HIGH FRENCH OFFICIALS DISCOUNTED THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THAT REBEL COUP, EFFECTS OF THE SEVERANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS WERE FELT IN BOTH VIENTIANE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL, AND LUANG PRABANG, FAR UP THE MEKONG FROM THAKHEK.
AT VIENTIANE, ELECTRIC POWER IS AVAILABLE ONLY SEVEN HOURS A NIGHT AND SUPPLIES WHICH FORMERLY WERE MOVED IN BY HIGHWAY AND BARGE NOW MUST

BE MOVED BY AIR TRANSPORT.
THE COMING WEEK MAY SHOW THAT THE VIETMINH, ALONG WITH ATTACKING DIEN BIEN PHU, ALSO INTEND TO HIT THE PLAINE DES JARRES, WHILE OTHER FORCES IN LAOS MOVE TO MEET FRENCH UNION TROOPS NOW PREPARING A COUNTERATTACK.
THIS COULD MAKE ALL NORTHERN AND CENTRAL LAOS A BATTLEFIELD WHILE REBELS STILL POSED A THREAT TO THE RED RIVER DELTA ITSELF.
THE FRENCH EXPECT HARD MONTHS OF FIGHTING AHEAD. THEY ARE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE OUTCOME BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT IN 1954 THEY WILL HIT HO CHI MINH SUCH HEAVY BLOWS THAT THE WAR COULD BE FINISHED WITHIN ANOTHER YEAR.
FRENCH ARMY SOURCES SAID HO CHI MINH IS VIRTUALLY FORCED TO MAKE HIS SUPREME BID FOR VICTORY OR A NEGOTIATED PEACE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS BECAUSE THE BALANCE OF POWER IS STEADILY BEING TURNED AGAINST HIM.
HE IS STILL CREDITED WITH HAVING EIGHT FIRST LINE DIVISIONS AND A TOTAL OF 200,000 REGULAR TROOPS.
THIS PRESENTLY OUTNUMBERS THE FRENCH UNION FORCES, BUT THE RISING VIETNAMESE ARMY IS TIPPING THE SCALES. THE VIETNAMESE HAD 200,000 MEN UNDER ARMS AT THE END OF DECEMBER AND SAY THIS WILL BE BOOSTED TO 350,000 WITHIN ANOTHER YEAR.
THUS TIME PLAYS ON THE SIDE OF THE FRENCH AND LOYAL INDOCHINESE.
IN THE OVER-ALL PICTURE, THE FRENCH FIGURE THEY ARE GOING TO WHIP HO CHI MINH REGARDLESS OF WHAT TEMPORARY TERRITORIAL GAINS HE MAKES.
THE FRENCH AIR AND SEA LANES OF SUPPLY FOR THEIR ARMED FORCES ARE UNIMPAIRED.
MD308PES

1953

B57KX Q
APW (160)
WITH INDOCHINA
BANGKOK, DEC. 30 (AP)-THAILAND'S GENERAL STAFF POLICE CHIEF RETURNED TODAY FROM A TOUR OF THE TENSE THAI-LAOTIAN BORDER AND REPORTED CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFICERS WERE ADVISING RED-LED VIETMINH FORCES OCCUPYING THAKHEK.
THE RED-LED VIETMINH LAST WEEK SWEPT INTO THAKHEK, A LAOTIAN BORDER TOWN LYING JUST ACROSS THE MEKONG RIVER FROM NORTHEAST THAILAND.
POLICE LT. COL. CHAROENRIT CHAMRASROMRUN SAID ONLY 70 VIETMINH TROOPS WERE IN THE TOWN ITSELF. THE BULK OF THE FORCES, HE SAID, WERE STATIONED OUTSIDE PREPARING FOR A DRIVE MOMENTARILY AGAINST SUWANNAKHET, A STRATEGIC FRENCH-HELD AIRPORT TOWN JUST TO THE SOUTH OF THAKHEK.
HE SAID LAOS REBEL ARMY LEADER TIAO SINPOH HEADS THE OCCUPATION TROOPS AT THAKHEK AND IS TRYING TO WIN OVER THE INHABITANTS.
ELECTRIC LIGHTS ARE BURNING AGAIN IN THE TOWN, HE SAID, AND THE REBEL LEADER HAS CALLED UPON EVACUEES TO RETURN.
MEANWHILE, THE THAI INTERIOR MINISTRY APPROVED A REQUEST FROM AUTHORITIES AT SUWANNAKHET TO ALLOW CIVILIAN REFUGEES TO CROSS INTO THE THAI PROVINCE OF NAKORN PANOM IN THE EVENT VIETMINH FORCES DRIVE SOUTH FROM THAKHEK.
WUR45ACS

A53
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, DEC. 30 (AP)-AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID TONIGHT ISRAEL HAS LODGED A COMPLAINT WITH THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION CHARGING THAT AN ISRAELI POLICE BOAT WAS FIRED ON FROM "A SYRIAN POSITION" ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.
THE SPLKESMAN SAID THE VESSEL WAS HIT BUT NONE OF THE CREW WAS INJURED.
EARLIER, THE SPOKESMAN REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN AN ISRAEL ARMY PATROL AND A GROUP OF "ARMED INFILTRATORS" NEAR URIM SETTLEMENT, IN THE SOUTHERN NEGEV DESERT.
SS301PES

A13WX
(300) AMS BUDGET
NIGHT LEAD TROOPS
BY EDWIN B.HAAKINSON
WASHINGTON, DEC 30 (AP)-DEMOCRATIC SEN. EDWIN C.JOHNSON OF COLORADO TODAY ENDORSED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PLAN TO WITHDRAW TWO ARMY DIVISIONS FROM KOREA, SUGGESTING THE SAME THING BE DONE IN EUROPE.
IN THIS HE DIFFERED WITH MANY OF HIS DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE, WHO ARE VIEWING THE PRESIDENT'S MOVE WITH DOUBT AND MISTRUST.
JOHNSON, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HELP FRIENDLY NATIONS TO REARM BUT THAT THEY SHOULD FURNISH THE MANPOWER FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE FORCES.
ON THE OTHER HAND, SEN.RUSSELL (D-GA), A FREQUENT SPOKESMAN FOR SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS, SAID THE REDUCTION OF AMERICAN FORCES IN KOREA "SMACKS OF APPEASEMENT" AND THAT HE WANTED TO EXAMINE ALL THE FACTS.
SEN.MONRONEY (D-OKLA) HAS CALLED FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE NATION'S DEFENSE POLICY AFTER CONGRESS CONVENES NEXT MONTH. OTHER DEMOCRATS QUESTIONING EISENHOWER'S MOVE INCLUDE SENS. SPARKMAN (ALA), MCCARRAN (NEV) AND HUMPHREY (MINN).
JOHNSON ALSO PRAISED DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO REPLACE SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS WITH NATIVES WHO CAN DO THE SAME JOBS--SUPPLY HANDLING, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY PATROLS AROUND BASES AND SIMILAR WORK.
"WE HAVE 25,000 AMERICAN EMPLOYES NOW IN EUROPE WHO SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH NATIVE LABOR," JOHNSON SAID.
HE SAID SOUTH KOREA HAS 20 MILLION PEOPLE AND "WE SHOULD HELP THEM ORGANIZE THEIR OWN FORCES TO DO THEIR OWN FIGHTING FOR THEIR OWN COUNTRY."
"THERE NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN A KOREAN WAR IF WE HAD PERMITTED THE SOUTH KOREANS TO ARM THEMSELVES," HE WENT ON.
"IT WILL BE A HAPPY DAY FOR AMERICA WHEN TWO U. S. DIVISIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE REPLACED BY NATIVE DIVISIONS. WESTERN EUROPE HAS A FAR GREATER MANPOWER SURPLUS THAN WE. WE SHOULD HELP THEM TO REARM BUT THEY SHOULD FURNISH THE MANPOWER."
JOHNSON SAID SUCH A POLICY HAD BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL IN U. S. AID PROGRAMS IN GREECE AND TURKEY.
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1953

A28WX
(150) EGYPT
BY JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES HAS LET BRITAIN KNOW THAT IT INTENDS TO BOLSTER THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WITH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID.
THESE SOURCES ALSO REPORTED THAT BRITAIN IS UPSET AT THE PROSPECT, FEARING THAT AMERICAN AID WILL ENCOURAGE PREMIER MOHAMMED NAGUIB TO CONTINUE HIS RESISTANCE TO BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR SETTLING THE DISPUTE OVER CONTROL OF THE SUEZ CANAL.
THE BRITISH, IT IS LEARNED, HAVE STRONGLY URGED THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO HOLD UP ANY NEW HELP FOR EGYPT UNTIL PRESENT ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TALKS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED ON A BASIS SATISFACTORY TO BRITAIN.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALREADY HAS DELAYED A DRAFTED PROGRAM FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, NOW HAS INFORMED THE BRITISH THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO POSTPONE THIS PROGRAM FOR EGYPT INDEFINITELY, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS.
THE INFORMATION THAT THIS COUNTRY PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE AID PROGRAM EVENTUALLY APPARENTLY IS A MOVE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PUT SOME PRESSURE ON BRITAIN AS WELL AS EGYPT TO SETTLE THEIR LONG-STANDING SUEZ QUARREL.
DC616PES

A76WX

HAGERTY (400)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION TONIGHT THAT "CHANCES FOR PEACE ARE A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN THEY WERE A YEAR AGO."

INTERVIEWED ON A RADIO PROGRAM (NBC'S REPORT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AT 10:30 PES), HAGERTY SAID THE FREE WORLD NATIONS HAVE GROWN STRONGER AND INCREASED THEIR WILL TO RESIST AGGRESSION, THANKS PARTLY TO UNITED STATES AID.

THE PROGRAM, BROADCAST FROM WASHINGTON, HAD BEEN TRANSCRIBED EARLIER IN AUGUSTA, GA., AT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S VACATION HEADQUARTERS.

HAGERTY NAMED THESE AS THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS STORIES CONCERNING THE WHITE HOUSE DURING THE YEAR:

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S INAUGURATION; THE "ENDING OF THE FIGHTING AND THE CASUALTY LISTS" IN KOREA; CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN "CUTTING 13 BILLION DOLLARS" FROM FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET; "THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG AND CONSISTENT FOREIGN POLICY;" AND THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE THE U.N. ASSEMBLY DEC. 8 SUGGESTING AN INTERNATIONAL POOL OF ATOMIC MATERIALS FOR PEACETIME USE.

THAT SPEECH, HAGERTY SAID, "GAVE EVERY NATION IN THE WORLD...A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION IN ATOMIC DEVELOPMENTS."

CONGRESS' BUDGET CUTTING, HE SAID, PERMITTED THE JAN. 1 TAX REDUCTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED BY THE PREVIOUS CONGRESS. IT ALSO HAD THE EFFECT OF "PUTTING THE BRAKE ON THE ALMOST RUNAWAY INFLATION," HE SAID.

HAGERTY TOLD QUESTIONERS HE EXPECTS NOTHING STARTLING IN THE PRESIDENT'S JAN. 4 ADDRESS BY RADIO AND TELEVISION TO THE NATION, BUT HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE TO CONGRESS "WILL MAKE A VERY FINE STORY."

HAGERTY SAID HE EXPECTS THE PRESIDENT LATER TO SEND A NUMBER OF OTHE MESSAGES TO CONGRESS "ELABORATING POINT BY POINT ON THE VARIOUS SECTION OF THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE." HOW RAPIDLY THEY WILL BE SENT, HE SAID, WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER CONFERENCES WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

ON THE ATOMIC POOLING PLAN HE WAS ASKED WHETHER, IF RUSSIA REFUSED TO COOPERATE, A SIMILAR PLAN COULD BE WORKED OUT AMONG THE FREE NATIONS

"I SUPPOSE WE COULD," HE REPLIED BUT NOTED THAT EISENHOWER HAD SPECIFICALLY SAID THE PLAN NOW MUST INCLUDE RUSSIA AND ADDED "LET'S TRY THIS WAY BEFORE WE SUGGEST ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE."

THE YEAR'S MOST PERPLEXING PROBLEM AT THE WHITE HOUSE, HE SAID, HAS BEEN THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY A WIDESPREAD DROUGHT.

COMMENTING ON A PLAN FOR CHANNELING DEFENSE CONTRACTS INTO LABOR SURPLUS AREAS, WHICH EISENHOWER ENDORSED YESTERDAY, HAGERTY SAID "WE CAN SEND INTO THOSE (AFFECTED) AREAS BUSINESS THEY NEVER WOULD BE ABLE TO GET."

BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT UNDER THE PLAN MANUFACTURERS GETTING SUCH CONTRACTS MUST MEET THE LOW BID PRICE AND ADDED "THIS IS NO GOVERNMENT HANDOUT."

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A49WX

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(350) NIGHT LEAD DEFENSE CONTRACTS (ROUNDUP)

BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-THE REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE SENATE, SEN. KNOWLAND OF CALIFORNIA, SAID TODAY THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO CHANNEL MORE DEFENSE ORDERS INTO CENTERS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS DISAPPOINTING AND "TOO WIDE."

KNOWLAND SAID HE WOULD BACK LEGISLATION TO LIMIT THE PROGRAM, ALREADY UNDER A DRUMFIRE OF CRITICISM FROM THE SOUTH.

THUS THE WHITE HOUSE WAS CONFRONTED WITH A TOP LEVEL SPLIT ON POLICY ON THE EVE OF A VITAL CONGRESSIONAL SESSION IN WHICH THE GOP WILL HOLD ONLY A SHAKY MARGIN OF CONTROL.

"MY OWN BELIEF," KNOWLAND TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE, "IS THAT THE ORDER IS STILL TOO WIDE AND NEEDS CURTAILMENT. IT STILL APPEARS

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TO ME THAT ON THE SET-ASIDE PROVISION, THE PERCENTAGE IS NOT SPELLED OUT."

THAT WAS A REFERENCE TO A FEATURE OF THE PLAN TO SET ASIDE PORTIONS OF DEFENSE ORDERS FOR AREAS WHERE THERE IS A LABOR SURPLUS. CONTRACTORS IN THOSE AREAS COULD QUALIFY FOR THE WORK BY MEETING PRICES ESTABLISHED BY COMPETITIVE BIDS IN OTHER AREAS NOT SUFFERING FROM UNEMPLOYMENT.

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY SAID YESTERDAY 20 TO 30 PER CENT OF SOME ORDERS WOULD BE EARMARKED FOR AREAS OF SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT. KNOWLAND SAID 20 OR 30 PER CENT IS "FAR TOO MUCH," AND THERE WILL "DEFINITELY BE SOME LEGISLATION" ON IT AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES NEXT WEEK.

THE ADMINISTRATION PLAN, A MODIFIED VERSION OF ONE SET UP IN THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION, WAS PUT INTO OPERATION NOV. 4. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER GAVE IT AN ENDORSEMENT AND A PUSH YESTERDAY AT THE TEMPORARY WHITE HOUSE IN AUGUSTA, GA.

THERE WERE IMMEDIATE OUTCRIES FROM THE SOUTH THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD HELP NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF DIXIE.

HAGERTY SAID AT AUGUSTA TODAY THAT THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH CRITICISM, THAT IT WAS BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING. IN WASHINGTON, MOBILIZATION DIRECTOR ARTHUR S. FLEMMING DEFENDED THE PLAN WAS ELIMINATING INEQUITIES IN THE EARLIER TRUMAN PROGRAM.

BUT GOV. JAMES F. BYRNES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, NORMALLY A STURDY EISENHOWER SUPPORTER, ACCUSED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF ADOPTING WITH FEW CHANGES WHAT HE SAID WAS A "SOCIALISTIC" POLICY LAUNCHED IN THE TRUMAN REGIME.

"IT WAS WRONG WHEN ESTABLISHED BY A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT AND A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS," BYRNES SAID IN A STATEMENT AT COLUMBIA, S.C. "IT IS EQUALLY WRONG WHEN FOLLOWED BY THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION."

ONCE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER TRUMAN, BYRNES SPLIT WITH HIS FORMER CHIEF AND BACKED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN THE 1952 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

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THE BYRNES BLAST WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO PROTESTS FROM SEN. MAYBANK (D-SC) THAT EISENHOWER WAS BREAKING CAMPAIGN PROMISES AND FROM SENS. SPARKMAN AND HILL, ALABAMA DEMOCRATS, THAT THE NEW PLAN VIOLATED PLEDGES KNOWLAND MADE LAST JULY ON THE SENATE FLOOR.

A FIGHT WAS ON AT THAT TIME OVER THE OLD TRUMAN PLAN--WHICH WAS PUT ON THE SHELF THE NEXT MONTH.

ON ASSURANCES FROM KNOWLAND THAT HE WOULD CONSULT EISENHOWER ON THE PROBLEM, MAYBANK WITHDREW AN AMENDMENT TO AN APPROPRIATION BILL THAT WOULD HAVE BARRED THE LEETING OF DEFENSE CONTRACTS, EVEN IN AREAS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, TO ANYONE BUT THE LOW BIDDERS. THE SENATE HAD APPROVED THE AMENDMENT AT ONE POINT BY A BIG MAJORITY.

KNOWLAND SAID TODAY HE DID DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH EISENHOWER, ON AUG. 5. HE SHOWED NEWSMEN COPIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN TODAY TO MAYBANK AND SPARKMAN WHICH SAID:

"I PERSONALLY FOLLOWED UP ON THE COMMITMENTS I MADE TO BRING THE SENTIMENT OF THE SENATE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE OTHER RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES."

SOUTHERNERS HAD COMPLAINED THAT UNDER THE OLD ORDER, AND THE NEW ONE, NEW ENGLAND TEXTILE MILLS HAVE BEEN FAVORED OVER THOSE IN THE SOUTH.

HAGERTY TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY WON'T TAKE "THE BULK OF BUSINESS" FROM ANY SECTION OF THE NATION. EVEN IF 20 TO 30 PER CENT OF INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE PURCHASES ARE PLACED IN UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS, HE SAID, THE MAJORITY OF DEFENSE BUSINESS WOULD GO TO REGIONS THAT DON'T HAVE LABOR SURPLUSES.

BOTH HAGERTY IN AUGUSTA AND FLEMMING HERE STRESSED THAT A COMPANY OBTAINING A CONTRACT IN A SURPLUS AREA MUST MEET THE LOW COMPETITIVE BID OF OTHER CONCERNS.

FLEMMING SAID THE ADMINISTRATION PLAN ENDS INEQUITIES BY FORBIDDING THE ARMED FORCES OR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO PAY PREMIUM PRICES ON CONTRACTS AWARDED COMPANIES IN DISTRESSED AREAS.

IN A STRANGE SORT OF ALIGNMENT, SOME NORTHERN DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS SIDED IN WITH REPUBLICANS WHO LIKE THE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM.

IN THE PAST, A NUMBER OF SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS FREQUENTLY HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE GOP. ONCE AGAIN, A DEMOCRATIC CLEAVAGE SEEMED TO BE SPLITTING SENATE DEMOCRATS ALONG NORTH-SOUTH LINES, BUT THIS TIME WITH THE NORTHERNERS ALONGSIDE THE REPUBLICANS.

SENS. DOUGLAS (D-ILL) AND EDWIN C. JOHNSON (D-COLO) SAID IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS THE ADMINISTRATION IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK ON DEFENSE ORDERS.

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SEN. MONRONEY (D-OKLA) HAD NO FAULT TO FIND WITH THE PLAN, EITHER, ALTHOUGH HE SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY "THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT CREATE THE SITUATION IT IS TRYING TO AVOID IF IT JERKS A DEFENSE CONTRACT OUT OF ONE PLACE AND PUTS IT SOMEWHERE ELSE."

AS SOMETHING OF A SIDELIGHT TO THE CONTROVERSY OVER DEFENSE CONTRACTS, DR. SEYMOUR E. HARRIS OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ENGLAND GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, SAID IN A SPEECH HERE TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN IMPETUS TO A SOUTHWARD FLIGHT OF NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRY BY "POURING MONEY INTO THE LOW-INCOME STATES OF THE SOUTHEAST."

IN AN ADDRESS BEFORE THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSN., DR. HARRIS SAID THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC AND CENTRAL STATES ARE ENDANGERED, TOO, BECAUSE THEY HAVE LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF HEAVY AND UNSTABLE INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID "TREMENDOUS POLITICAL POWER" OF SOUTHERN CHAIRMEN OF IMPORTANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DURING 20 YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC RULE WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT CHANNELING OF MONEY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH.

SEN. SALTONSTALL (R-MASS) AGREED THAT IN THE LAST 20 YEARS NEW ENGLAND HAS "CONTRIBUTED BILLIONS TOWARD BUILDING UP THE ECONOMY OF OTHER REGIONS. HE SAID IT IS TIME TO CALL A HALT.

BUT SENATOR SPARKMAN (D-ALA) CHALLENGED HARRIS' VIEWS AS NOT SUSTAINED BY FACTS.

"I DON'T KNOW OF ANY FEDERAL PROGRAM APPLYING PECULIARLY TO THE SOUTH," HE SAID.

SPARKMAN SAID TOO MANY NEW ENGLAND LEADERS ARE "TRYING TO GET THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT UNECONOMIC INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS THE COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN THAT REGION." HE SAID COTTON TEXTILES NEVER BELONGED IN NEW ENGLAND, BUT IN THE SOUTH WHERE COTTON IS RAISED.

ECONOMIST JOHN V. VAN SICKLE OF WABASH UNIVERSITY, A SPEAKER BEFORE THE ECONOMIC ASSN., SAID THERE ARE FAVORABLE ASPECTS TO REGIONAL WAGE DIFFERENTIALS WHICH HAVE HELPED DRAW INDUSTRIES SOUTH. HE SAID THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH DIFFERENTIALS HEIGHTENS COMPETITION AND "TENDS TO DECENTRALIZE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES."

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IKE-LABOR

BY NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-A TOP CIO STAFF MEMBER TODAY REFUSED TO ACCEPT A POST ON AN ADVISORY BOARD TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN NAMED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

STANLEY H.RUTTENBERG, CIO RESEARCH AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR, WROTE THE PRESIDENT REJECTING AN APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD. WHICH ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS PROGRAM FOR GIVING TECHNICAL AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

RUTTENBERG SAID HE NEVER HEARD OF HIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL HE READ ABOUT IT IN NEWSPAPERS AND THEN CHECKED WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. HE SAID IT WAS A VACANCY CAUSED BY EISENHOWER'S FAILURE TO REAPPOINT ANOTHER CIO MAN.

"IT SEEMS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME," RUTTENBERG WROTE THE PRESIDENT, "THAT MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF FAILED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF MY APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE OF ITS PUBLICATION EITHER WITH ME OR WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE CIO."

RUTTENBERG'S REFUSAL CAME ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER AFLS PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY QUIT AS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC PROGRAM'S PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MEANY CHARGED THAT FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR HAROLD E.STASSEN HAD FIRED MANY AMERICAN UNION REPRESENTATIVES EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT AID OFFICES ABROAD. MEANY ALSO SAID STASSEN HAD TO ENCOURAGE LABOR UNIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

HOWEVER, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT MEANY HAS SINCE TALKED WITH STASSEN AND IS DUE TO CONFER WITH HIM AGAIN NEXT WEEK. THERE WAS REPORTED TO BE A POSSIBILITY THAT MEANY MAY RECONSIDER HIS RESIGNATION IF STASSEN AGREES TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON HELPING EUROPEAN UNIONS.

A NUMBER OF AFL AND CIO LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED GROWING DISAPPROVAL OF SOME ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.

HOWEVER, AN AFL VICE-PRESIDENT, MAURICE HUTCHESON, HEAD OF THE AFL CARPENTERS UNION, IS CONTINUING TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SAME ADVISORY GROUP WHICH RUTTENBERG TODAY DECLINED TO JOIN. PRESIDENT DAVID J. MC DONALD OF THE CIO STEELWORKERS IS SERVING ON A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION STUDYING TARIFF POLICIES.

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RUTTENBERG'S LETTER TODAY, WHILE NOT MENTIONING MEANY'S RESIGNATION, TOLD PRESIDENT EISENHOWER:

"IT IS ALSO INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT ANY LABOR PERSON AT THIS TIME COULD ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT TO ANY BOARD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. STASSEN'S FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION IN VIEW OF MR.STASSEN'S DECIMATION OF THE LABOR OPERATION AND FUNCTIONS IN THAT AGENCY."

RUTTENBERG SAID EISENHOWER HAD FAILED TO REAPPOINT JACOB S.POTOFSKY, A CIO VICE-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BORD. RUTTENBERG SAID POTOFSKY HAD "SERVED ABLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY" FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS.

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SOVIET PLANES (100)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-RUSSIA WAS REPORTED TODAY TO BE TESTING SIX NEW MODELS OF THE MIG FIGHTER AT NOVOSIBIRSK IN WESTERN SIBERIA.

THE REPORT CAME FROM AMERICAN AVIATION DAILY, A TRADE PUBLICATION, WHICH QUOTED "INTELLIGENCE SOURCES" ABROAD. IT IDENTIFIED THE PLANES AS THE MIG16, MIG17, MIG18, MIG19, MIG20 AND MIG21. THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION OF HOW THEY DIFFERED FROM THE MIG15, THE MODEL USED BY THE COMMUNISTS DURING THE KOREAN AIR WAR.

THE PUBLICATION ALSO REPORTED THAT A TWIN-ENGINE JET BOMBER, THE EF150, NOW IN PRODUCTION AT KUIBYSHEV, IS BEING TESTED AT NOVOSIBIRSK.

IT SAID 68 PILOTS HAVE BEEN KILLED TO DATE IN TEST FLIGHTS AT NOVOSIBIRSK, PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING "SWITCHED INDISCRIMINATELY" FROM FIGHTERS TO BOMBERS.

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(350) ADA
BY D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30 (AP)-THE SIX-YEAR OLD AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION (ADA) CLAIMED 45,000 DUES-PAYING MEMBERS TODAY, AN INCREASE OF 5,000 OVER A YEAR AGO. AN ADA OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTED THE GAIN IN PART TO THE ORGANIZATION'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST WHAT IT CALLS "MCCARTHYISM."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ORGANIZATION CALLED ON THE NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS TO ADOPT NEWS RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO PROTECT THE "BASIC RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF INDIVIDUAL WITNESSES".

IT ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION, IN ITS OFFICIAL PUBLICATION, THE "ADA WORLD," WHETHER SEN. MCCARTHY (R-WIS) IS NOT SETTING HIS "SIGHTS HIGHER THAN BEING THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM WISCONSIN . . . ."

THE ADA, FOUNDED IN 1947, CALLS ITSELF AN "INDEPENDENT, ANTI-COMMUNIST" ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO FIGHT FOR "LIBERALISM" THROUGH POLITICAL ACTION. IT ENDORSED DEMOCRAT ADLAI E. STEVENSON FOR PRESIDENT IN 1952.

A NEW PAMPHLET OUT TODAY LISTS ADA MEMBERSHIP AS 45,000 WHO PAY $3 OR MORE ANNUAL DUES TO 125 CHAPTERS IN 39 STATES.

ONLY ARIZONA, ARKANSAS, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, UTAH AND VERMONT DO NOT HAVE CHAPTERS, ADA OFFICIALS SAID.

EDWARD D. HOLLANDER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, SAID A NET GAIN OF 5,000 IN MEMBERSHIP OVER A YEAR AGO WAS DUE PARTLY TO THE ADA'S FIGHT AGAINST THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY MCCARTHY IN HIS SEARCH FOR SUBVERSION. HE SAID THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S MAIL.

IN UNVEILING 16 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMING SESSION OF CONGRESS YESTERDAY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE LED BY ROBERT R. NATHAN, ADA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, THE ADA URGED THAT WITNESSES APPEARING BEFORE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES LIKE THAT HEADED BY MCCARTHY BE PERMITTED TO FACE THEIR ACCUSERS AND TO EMPLOY COUNSEL.

AMONG ITS OTHER 15 POINTS WERE INCREASED FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID, REJECTION OF THE BRICKER AMENDMENT TO LIMIT TREATY-MAKING POWERS, EXTENSION OF THE RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS ACT WITHOUT CRIPPLING AMENDMENTS, LOWER TAXES, A $1.25 MINIMUM WAGE, REPEAL OF THE TAFT-HARTLEY LABOR RELATIONS AND MCCARRAN-WALTER IMMIGRATION ACTS, AND LEGISLATION TO ASSURE FULL EMPLOYMENT.

DISCUSSING RELATIONS BETWEEN MCCARTHY AND THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, THE ADA WORLD JUST OFF THE PRESSES POSED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE WISCONSIN SENATOR IS NOT OUT AFTER THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1956 OR THE "PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1960, AFTER A ONE-TERM DEMOCRATIC COMEBACK."

"THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT, IF BEATEN IN 1956, SOME REPUBLICANS WOULD RISK GIVING JOE HIS HEAD," SAID THE WORLD.

IN A RADIO SPEECH DEC. 6, MCCARTHY SAID:

"I HAVE NO INTENTION OF EVER RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY--NO DESIRE TO RUN--I HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN WILL KEEP ME IN THE SENAT."

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(EDITOR'S NOTE--HOW DO PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION? RUSSIAN-SPEAKING WILLIAM L. RYAN, BACK FROM A THREE MONTH NEWS ASSIGNMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, PROVIDES AN INSIGHT IN THIS REPORT ON THE SHOPPING PROBLEM. THIS IS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF SIX ARTICLES BY RYAN APPEARING THIS WEEK IN THIS NEWSPAPER).

BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

A SOVIET DEPARTMENT STORE IS A GOOD PLACE TO GO TO LICK ON AN ICE CREAM CONE AND RUBBERNECK. IT'S NOT A GOOD PLACE TO GO TO BUY ANYTHING.

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THE SYSTEM OF MERCHANDISING, MORE FANTASTIC THAN THE PRICES, MAKES SHOPPING OFTEN A NIGHTMARE.

SOVIET STORES -- BOTH THE BIG GASTRONOMES WHICH SELL THE GROCERIES AND THE UNIVERMAGS WHICH ARE THE RUSSIAN VERSION OF A DEPARTMENT STORE -- ARE PERPETUALLY CLOGGED WITH PEOPLE.

MANY GO ABOUT THE STORES LOOKING AT GOODS, BUT NOT BUYING, AND JUST LICKING ON VAFLY (WAFFLES) WITH ICE CREAM AT 1.95 RUBLES EACH.

(AS EXPLAINED YESTERDAY, THE RUBLE HAS NO EXACT EQUIVALENT IN U.S. FUNDS. ONLY ITS PURCHASING POWER MEANS ANYTHING TO THE RUSSIAN, ANY WAY. THE WORKING MAN IN A FACTORY IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE 700 RUBLES FOR A MONTH OF FOUR 48-HOUR WEEKS; THUS THE PRICE OF THE ICE CREAM CONE IS EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT A HALF HOUR'S PAY).

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THOSE WHO MUST BUY GO THROUGH A DIZZYING SERIES OF QUEUES SO FRUSTRATING THAT THE SYSTEM HAS LED TO A PECULARLY SOVIET RACKET.

MILITIAMEN ARE ON HAND IN MANY A SOVIET DEPARTMENT STORE TO GUARD AGAINST CHISELERS WHO PREY ON THE FRUSTRATION OF SHOPPERS. THE CHISELER PATIENTLY WAITS TO GET TO COUNTERS AND BUY UP ITEMS IN DEMAND. HE THEN CIRCULATES THROUGH THE STORE AND ON THE SPOT SELLS THE ITEMS AT A PROFIT TO SHOPPERS WHO WOULD RATHER PAY THE EXTRA THAN GO THROUGH THE AGONY OF THE SYSTEM.

SHOPPING TAKES A BIG SLICE OUT OF ANY HOUSEWIFE'S DAY. SINCE MANY HOUSEWIVES ALSO WORK, SOME OF THEM AT LABORIOUS JOBS, SHOPPING BECOMES A VAST PROBLEM.

FOR MEATS AND VEGETABLES THE HOUSEWIFE MAY AVOID THE JAM OF THE STATE STORES BY GOING TO THE PEASANT MARKETS. THE PRICES MAY BE A BIT HIGHER, BUT SHE IS SURER OF GETTING WHAT SHE SETS OUT TO GET. THE STATE STORES HAVE LIMITED SUPPLIES AND OFTEN THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PRICE LISTS ARE NOT ON HAND. MOREOVER, IN THE PEASANT MARKET, THE HOUSEWIFE HAS THE RARE PLEASURE OF ARGUING AND BARGAINING WITH THE SELLER. THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE IN THE STATE STORES, WHERE PRICES ARE FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

FOR CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS AND ALMOST ANYTHING BESIDES FOOD, THE SHOPPER GOES TO THE UNIVERMAG.

WHEN MAMA GETS TO THE STORE, SHE USUALLY FINDS A LONG LINE AT THE DOORS WAITING TO GET INSIDE. ONCE INSIDE, THERE ARE OTHER QUEUES. MAMA DECIDES WHAT SHE WANTS TO BUY FIRST. SHE GETS IN LINE AT THAT COUNTER. WHEN SHE GETS TO THE COUNTER, SHE PICKS OUT THE ITEM. THE SALES PERSON, NEVER IN A GREAT HURRY, HANDS HER A SLIP. SHE LEAVES THE LINE FOR ANOTHER LINE, THIS TIME AT THE CASHIER'S CAGE. AFTER A LONG WAIT, SHE PAYS FOR THE ITEM SHE SELECTED. SHE THEN GETS BACK AGAIN ON THE FIRST LINE TO WAIT HER TURN TO SURRENDER THE RECEIPT AND RECEIVE THE ITEM SHE PURCHASED.

IF SIX ITEMS ON HER SHOPPING LIST APPEAR AT DIFFERENT STORE COUNTERS, THAT MEANS SIX TIMES IN LINE TO SELECT THEM, SIX TIMES TO PAY THE CASHIER, SIX TIMES TO PICK UP THE ITEMS.

EVEN THE SOVIET MANAGEMENT IS BEGINNING TO SEE THE FUTILITY OF THIS. SIGNS OVER SOME COUNTERS IN THE BIG STORES ANNOUNCE THE SALES PERSON MAY BE PAID DIRECTLY FOR THE ITEM. BUT THAT IS THE EXCEPTION.

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TO BUY AN ORDINARY COMB IN A UNIVERMAG TOOK ME 25 MINUTES. I FIRST WENT TO THE COUNTER, AND WHEN MY TURN CAME SELECTED A POCKET COMB. THE GIRL GAVE ME A SLIP AND DIRECTED ME TO LINE NO. 2. I WAITED THERE UNTIL I GOT TO THE CASHIER'S CAGE, PAID THE 3.75 RUBLES, AND WENT TO THE COMB COUNTER AGAIN. THERE I WAITED TO PICK UP MY TROPHY. A WEEK LATER, ALL THE TEEHT WERE OUT OF IT.

THERE ARE ENDLESS QUEUES IN MOSCOW, LARGELY BECAUSE OF SUCH SYSTEMS.

PEOPLE ARE JAMMED TOGETHER FOR HOURS IN THE STORES, GETTING NOWHERE IN A FURIOUS HURRY. I HAVE BEEN IN ABOUT 30 COUNTRIES; THE CROWDS IN SOVIE STORES ARE AMONG THE RUDEST, MOST JOSTLING AND INCONSIDERATE I HAVE SEEN. BUT THEY MUST BE, IN SELF DEFENSE. TO BE POLITE WOULD COST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME.

THE LINES FOR MILK -- THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF IT IN THE SOVIET UNION -- ARE EVEN MORE HEART-BREAKING. HOUSEWIVES TRY TO OUT-GUESS THE STORES OR THE OUTLETS IN THE PEASANT MARKETS, TRY TO JUDGE THE BEST TIMES, BUT IT'S PURE GUESSWORK AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO WIN.

PEOPLE FORM LINES, CARRYING EMPTY BOTTLES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. TH MILK IS LADLED OUT OF BIG CONTAINERS. SOMETIMES, LONG BEFORE THE END OF THE LINE IS REACHED, THE MILK IS GONE. THE HOUSEWIFE MUST EITHER GIVE UP OR TAKE HER CHANCES IN ANOTHER LINE, WHERE THE SAME THING MAY HAPPEN.

SOME ITEMS RARELY APPEAR ON STORE SHELVES. I LOOKED IN VAIN IN A NUMBER OF CITIES FOR CITRUS FRUITS. BUT TINY ORANGES WERE PEDDLED BY PEASANT BOYS ON THE STREETS OF THE UKRAINE CAPITAL, KIEV.

THE HIGH COST OF GROCERIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE, PLUS THE LACK OF HOME REFRIGERATION, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOP IN QUANTITY. SHOPPING IS A DAILY CHORE.

THE PEASANTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE STORE SITUATION. AS ITEMS BECOME SHORT IN THE STORES, PRICES GO UP IN THE PEASANT MARKET.

WITH HER LIMITED INCOME THE SOVIET HOUSEWIFE MUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT HER HOUSEHOLD BUDGET. IN COMPARISON WITH HER WESTERN COUNTERPART, HER OUTLAY FOR FOOD IS ENORMOUS. MANY FAMILIES MAKE ENDS MEET ONLY BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS BRINGING HOME WAGES.

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TOMORROW-WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT AMERICANS

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(EDITOR'S NOTE--WILLIAM L.RYAN, IN A THREE-MONTH STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION, TALKED TO SCORES OF RUSSIANS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF INTERPERTERS. HE TRAVELED 6,000 MILES WITHOUT GOING ON ANY OF THE "ESCORTED TOURS" ARRANGED FOR MOST FOREIGNERS VISITING THE SOVIET UNION. HERE, IN ANOTHER OF HIS UNCENSORED STORIES, HE GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO COMMUNISM'S HOLD ON YOUTH).

BY WILLIAM L.RYAN

AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

"WHAT DO A RUSSIAN GIRL AND BOY TALK ABOUT WHEN THEY GO OUT FOR AN EVENING ON THE TOWN?"

MYSTIFICATION PROMPTED THIS QUESTION TO A YOUNG COMMUNIST-REARED WOMAN. I HAD NOTED RUSSIANS IN A RESTAURANT ATTEMPTING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME AND MAKING A PRETTY GLUM AFFAIR OF IT. THEY JUST SEEMED TO SIT AND STARE AT EACH OTHER.

"OH," SHE SAID, "THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT."

"WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE? YOU ARE MARRIED. YOUR HUSBAND MUST HAVE COURTED YOU. WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?"

"OH," SHE REPEATED. "THERE ARE MANY THINGS. THERE'S SOCIALIST COMPETITION, FOR EXAMPLE."

THIS IS PARTLY NONSENSE, OF COURSE. BASICALLY, YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN RUSSIA DISCUSS MANY OF THE SAME THINGS THAT COUPLES ELSEWHERE TALK ABOUT. NEVERTHELESS, THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFE SHOWS THE EFFECTS OF SEALED OFF, EFFECTIVE TRAINING. THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S SYSTEM OF EDUCATION FROM NUSERY ONWARD CAPTURES THE CHOICE CORE OF A GENERATION.

THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY PUTS THE ACCENT ON YOUTH THOUGH MANY YOUNGSTERS ESCAPE THE RIGID MOLD. THE PARTY IS INTERESTED PRINCIPALLY IN TALENTED YOUNGSTERS WHO WILL BE INDOCTRINATED AND TRAINED TO FORM A HARD CORE FROM WHICH PARTY LEADERS OF TOMORROW WILL BE SELECTED AND TRAINED.

EVERY SOVIET TOWN HAS ITS HOUSE OR "PALACE" OF YOUNG PIONEERS (CAPS Y P). THEORETICALLY, ALL SOVIET CHILDREN ARE MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG PIONEERS. BUT THOSE WHO FREQUENT THE PIONEER PALACES ARE THE ONES WHO GET SPECIAL ATTENTION UNTIL THEY RESEMBLE LITTLE ROBOTS, RESPONDING AUTOMATICALLY TO COMMANDS. THE STRESS IS UPON DEVELOPMENT OF TALENT, PARTY EDUCATION AND DISCIPLINE.

DURING A TRIP TO A HALF DOZEN SOVIET REPUBLICS, I VISITED SOME OF THESE PIONEER PALACES. THE ONE IN TASHKENT, CAPITAL OF THE UZBEK S.S.R., SEEMS FAIRLY TYPICAL. I WENT THERE ONE SUNDAY UNANNOUNCED, AND AFTER SOME ARGUMENT WITH THE GUARD AT THE GATE AND SHOWING MY IMPRESSIVE RED POLICE PASS, I WAS ALLOWED TO GO IN. I WAS A PROBLEM TO THE WOMAN IN CHARGE, BUT SHE TOOK ME IN TOW FOR A GUIDED TOUR. FORTUNATELY FOR HER, THINGS HAD BEEN ARRANGED IN ANTICIPATION OF VISITS FROM A NUMBER OF "DELEGATIONS" INCLUDING BRAZILIANS, INDONESIANS AND MONGOLIANS.

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THERE WERE NO MORE THAN 50 CHILDREN IN THE BUILDING, WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER IN THE YARD OUTSIDE. THE REST OF THE CHILDREN OF TASHKENT (POPULATION 600,000) WERE ABOUT OTHER PURSUITS IN THE STREETS AND PARKS. THOSE IN THE PALACE--A LONG, RAMBLING TWO-STORY BUILDING SURROUNDED BY A SLOGAN-DECKED FENCE--WERE THE CREAM OF THE TALENT THE PIONEERS COULD BOAST IN VARIOUS FIELDS. THERE WERE ABOUT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF YOUNG UZBEKS AND YOUNG RUSSIANS. OBEDIENTLY, THEY AWAITED QUIETLY THE GUESTS ARRIVAL. THEY WERE ALL DONE UP IN THEIR SUNDAY BEST, ALL WEARING RED NECKERCHIEFS SYMBOLIZING THE YOUNG PIONEER ORGANIZATION.

A WAS SHOWN THE "KABINET," WHERE CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM ABOUT 7 TO 14 DISCUSS YOUNG PIONEER BUSINESS GRAVELY---LIKE A "LITTLE GOVERNMENT," THE GUIDE SAID. SUCH A MEETING APPARENTLY ALREADY HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

IN ANOTHER ROOM, 18 BOYS AND GIRLS BENT OVER CHESSBOARDS PLAYING A SIMULTANEOUS MATCH WITH A LOCAL CHESS "MASTYER."

IN OTHER ROOMS I WAS SHOWN CHILDREN'S HANDICRAFT, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE, SOME OF IT REMARKABLY GOOD, AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL AND ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS. A CLASS OF CHILDREN IN COSTUME WAS LEARNING UZBEK FOLK DANCES. A GROUP OF THREE YOUNG ACCORDIONISTS USED ITALIAN AND GERMAN INSTRUMENTS UNDER AN INSTRUCTOR'S EYE.

THE CHILDREN WERE EXTREMELY SHY WITH ME, AND LATER, WITH THE DELEGATIONS. THERE WERE NO BUBBLING, RAMBUCTIOUS KIDS SUCH AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT TO FIND IN THAT AGE BRACKET IN ANY LARGE GROUP. SOMEHOW THEY SEEMED SPIRITLESS. THE TALENT WAS THERE, BEYOND QUESTION, AND THE TRAINING WAS THERE, BUT THE CHILDHOOD WAS NOT. GRAVELY THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY WERE TOLD TO DO WITHOUT HESITATION OR QUESTIONS.

THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, USHERED IN BY A PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING GUIDE, WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED. FRESH FROM THE COMMUNIST WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS CONGRESS IN VIENNA, THE BRAZILIANS WERE EXPRESSIVELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SOVIET YOUTH. THEY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY TOOK THESE CHILDREN AS TYPICAL OF ALL COMMUNIST-REARED YOUTH, ALTHOUGH JUST OUTSIDE IN THE STREETS, AS IN THE STREETS OF ANY SOVIET CAPITAL, MANY A YOUNG TOUGH CAN BE SEEN--LOUD AND ROWDY CIGARET SMOKING BOYS WHO ALREADY HAVE BEGUN TO SCRATCH FOR A LIVING. CHILDREN OF THE BETTER CLASS COMMUNISTS ARE SHIELDED FROM SUCH INFLUENCES.

A81 (AGENCIES OUT)

TRAINED DURING THE WORKING DAY BY RUSSIAN NURSES AND TEACHERS. IN ANY SOVIET CITY, IN THE PARKS AND ON QUIET STREETS, CHILDREN CAN BE SEEN IN GROUPS OF 50 OR MORE GOING THROUGH THEIR PACES WITH TEACHERS WATCHING. THEY ARE MOLDED INTO THE RUSSIAN AND COMMUNIST MOLD. THEY WILL GROW UP AS UZBEK RUSSIANS, TADJIK RUSSIANS, KAZAKH RUSSIANS, AZERBAIJAN RUSSIANS. SINCE ALL THEIR AFFAIRS WILL BE IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, AS THE YEARS GO BY THEY WILL HAVE LESS AND LESS USE FOR

THEIR OWN.
SHIELDED FROM INFORMATION FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD WHICH DOES NOT FIT INTO THE COMMUNIST PATTERN, THE CHILDREN BECOME OBEDIENT SERVANTS OF A COMMUNIST SOCIETY.
MANY ESCAPE THE RIGID PATTER, HOWEVER. AS THE SOVIET MIDDLE CLASS CONTINUES TO GROW, MORE AND MORE MOTHERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO GIVE UP WORKING SO THEY MAY REAR THEIR CHILDREN THEMSELVES.
A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO CHILDREN BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THE EDUCATION NETWORK IS GROWIN CONSTANTLY BECAUSE NO HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION CAN HOPE TO SURVIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD WITHOUT A BROAD BASE OF EDUCATION.
BUT COMMUNIST EDUCATION COMES FIRST.
(END ADVANCE FOR PMS OF WEDNESDAY DEC. 30--MOVED DEC. 26)
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A91 (AGENCIES OUT)
ADVANCE FOR AMS OF THURSDAY DEC. 31
NO. 4 IN RYAN SERIES FOR AMS
(EDITOR'S NOTE--WHAT DO RUSSIANS THINK ABOUT AMERICANS? DOES THE "MAN IN THE STREET" REALLY BELIEVE HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROPAGANDA? WILLIAM L. RYAN, AN AP SPECIALIST WHO TRAVELED 6,000 MILES IN THE SOVIET UNION, FOUND SOME INTERESTING CLUES. HE TELLS OF THEM IN THIS ARTICLE, THE FOURTH OF AN UNCENSORED SERIES WRITTEN AFTER RYAN'S RETURN TO HIS NEW YORK BASE).
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BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST
THE MALENKOV GOVERNMENT'S HATE-AMERICA CAMPAIGN HAS FAILED TO CATCH ON THROUGHTOUT THE PROVINCES OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE, AND IT HAS THE ELEMENTS OF A BOOMERANG.
IN CITY AFTER CITY IN THE SOVIET UNION, I FAILED TO FIND HATRED OF AMERICA. THERE WAS FEAR. THERE WAS PUZZLEMENT. BUT EXCEPT AMONG THE MOST TRUSTED SERVANTS OF THE PARTY ITSELF, THERE SEEMED TO BE AN ATTITUDE OF QUESTIONING, A TOUCH OF SKEPTICISM, SOMETIMES OUTRIGHT DISBELIEF IN COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO TALK PRIVATELY NOW AND THEN TO SOVIET PEOPLE--ON A PARK BENCH, IN A QUIET CORNER OF A WAITING ROOM, IN A TRAIN COMPARTMENT, ON AN AIRPLANE WITH FEW PASSENGERS, IN A RESTAURANT, OR JUST BY CHANCE, WALKING ALONG THE STREET.
THE TALK SOMETIMES SEEMED GUARDED. BUT IN ALL CASES, THE PERSONS WERE HAPPY TO SEE AN AMERICAN, HIGHLY CURIOUS ABOUT AMERICA AND FULL OF QUESTIONS. I MANAGED TO TALK TO SCORES OF PERSONS.
ONE WORD THEY SEEMED TO ROLL ABOUT ON THEIR TONGUES:
"FREEDOM."
ON A PARK BENCH IN TASHKENT, CAPITAL OF THE UZBEK REPUBLIC, A RUSSIAN ASKED IF I WAS IN A VISITING "WORKERS' DELEGATION." I TOLD HIM I WAS A CORRESPONDENT FOR A NEWS AGENCY WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.
WAS IT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY? NO, I REPLIED, WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH THINGS.
"AH," SAID THE QUESTIONER. "YOU MEAN YOU ARE FREE."
IN AN AIRPORT I MET A MAN TRAVELLING OUT OF MOSCOW ON A RESPONSIBLE JOB. I CANNOT SAY WHAT JOB, BUT IT WAS STARTLING. HE BEGAN THE CONVERSATION.
"YOUR CIGARETS," HE SAID, POINTING TO THE PACKAGE. "YOU ARE AMERICAN."
HE ASKED THE USUAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT I WAS DOING THERE. THEN HE PUT HIS HAND TO HIS MOUTH AND MADE A GESTURE INDICATING THE OUTPOURING OF WORDS.
"IN AMERICA," HE SAID, "YOU HAVE FREE SPEECH?"
"YES," I SAID.
"HOW GOOD IT MUST BE TO SAY WHAT YOU WANT." HE SAID SLOWLY.

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"DON'T YOU SAY WHAT YOU WANT?" I ASKED INNOCENTLY.
HE SHRUGGED AND GRINNED. WE TALKED OF TRIFLES FOR A BIT. HE PLIED ME WITH QUESTIONS. HE WAS TICKING OFF, ALSO, THE CITIES HE HAD BEEN VISITING IN THE SOUTH, AND I REMARKED THAT MANY WERE NAMED FOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS. HE GRINNED AGAIN:
"YOU CAN NAME A CITY FOR THE DEVIL, TOO, IF YOU WANT TO."

A92 (AGENCIES OUT)
IN ANOTHER PLACE I TALKED TO A YOUNGSTER OF 14 IN THE UNIFORM OF A RAILROAD WORKER. I BEGAN BY ASKING WHAT HIS UNIFORM MEANT. HE WAS STUDYING TO BE A "MASTYER," WHICH COULD MEAN ANYTHING FROM REPAIRMAN UP TO FOREMAN. DID HE WANT TO BE AN ENGINEER? THE BOY SHRUGGED.
"I WILL BE A 'MASTYER.'"
"DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU ARE DOING?"
"LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU DO IT."
THE BOY, GRAVE OF MIEN AND SEEMING OLD BEYOND HIS YEARS, PELTED ME WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. HE ASKED IF ALL STUDENTS IN AMERICA WORE UNIFORMS, IF THEY COULD STUDY WHATEVER THEY WANTED, IF THEY KNEW MUCH ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION. AT EACH ANSWER HE NODDED THOUGHTFULLY.
IN A RESTAURANT IN ONE SOUTHERN CITY A YOUNG MAN WITH A MELANCHOLY EXPRESSION SAT ACROSS THE TABLE. HE WAS WELL DRESSED, OBVIOUSLY FAIRLY WELL OFF BY SOVIET STANDARDS. HE STARTED THE CONVERSATION:
"WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE CIGARETS?"
I HAD BROUGHT THEM WITH ME.
"YOU ARE AMERICAN? THE CIGARETS WOULD BE CONTRABAND HERE."
"CONTRABAND? YOU MEAN ONE CAN BUY THEM?"
HE SMILED AND PROCEEDED TO NAME THE BEST KNOWN AMERICAN BRANDS. HOW DID HE KNOW ALL THIS? HE HAD BEEN IN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW AFTER THE WAR. HE'D MET MANY AMERICANS. WE HAD BEEN TALKING IN LOW VOICES. NOW HE DROPPED HIS TO A WHISPER.
"YOU CAN STILL BUY AMERICAN CIGARETS CONTRABAND IN RIGA AND LENINGRAD."
HE TOLD ME HE WAS FOND OF AMERICANS.
IN A WAITING ROOM I SAT NEXT TO A WOMAN OF ABOUT 55. THE TALK WAS BRIEF. SHE ASKED IF WOMEN IN AMERICA DID HEAVY LABOR. I SAID IT WOULD BE AGAINST THE LAW, THAT WOMEN WERE NOT CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY ABLE TO DO SUCH WORK. A MEDITATIVE SMILE WREATHED HER WRINKLED, WIND-BURNED FACE. SHE FOLDED GNARLED HANDS ON HER AMPLE LAP AND HEAVED A SIGH.

A93 (AGENCIES OUT)
I TALKED WITH A YOUNG SOVIET ENGINEER FOR SEVERAL HOURS. HE HAD BEEN AN OFFICER ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN THE WAR. HE PROFESSED ADMIRATION FOR AMERICANS' EASYGOING WAYS IN CONTRAST TO THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON SOVIET SOLDIERS.
THE TALK CAME GRADUALLY. HE INDICATED HE WAS GLAD OF THE CHANGE IN THE MOSCOW GOVERNMENT, THAT IT WAS FOR THE BETTER. "THIS IS A YOUNG GOVERNMENT," HE SAID SEVERAL TIMES. HE REPORTED WORK WAS PROCEEDING WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED IN POWER PRODUCTION PROJECTS, BUT THERE WAS A GREAT BOTTLENECK--MANPOWER.
"WE HAVE NOT ENOUGH MEN TO DO WHAT WE WANT IN THE TIME WE WANT TO DO IT," HE SAID.
THE ENGINEER ADMITTED THE UNITED STATES WAS TECHNICALLY FAR SUPERIOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, THE AMERICA COULD GIVE ITS PEOPLE FAR MORE THAN THE U.S.S.R. COULD. BUT HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THE NEW GOVERNMENT MENT WHAT IT SAID, THAT THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT "IN TWO OR THREE

YEARS." BUT HE WAS AWARE THERE WAS A LONG WAY TO GO.

WE DISCUSSED PROPAGANDA. I TOLD HIM SOME OF THE THINGS AN AMERICAN COULD RESENT ABOUT SOVIET PROPAGANDA, PARTICULARLY SUCH THINGS AS THE VIOLENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN MOVIE "SILVER DUST," WHICH WAS SHOWING IN ALL THE REPUBLICS. HE HAD SEEN IT. SUCH THINGS, HE SAID, "ARE NOT NECESSARY EITHER ON OUR SIDE OR ON YOUR SIDE."

HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS AN IRON CURTAIN. I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE SATELLITE COUNTRIES. HE HAD A LOOK OF DISBELIEF. I TOLD HIM ABOUT WILLIAM N. OATIS, AP CORRESPONDENT WHO WAS IMPRISONED BY COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. I SAID I WAS DOING THE SAME KIND OF WORK AND ASKED: "DO YOU THINK I AM A SPY?" HE LAUGHED AND WAVED HIS HAND.

THIS MAN--HE IS YOUNGISH--HAS HOPES SOME DAY THE COLD WAR WILL THAW AND HE WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO SEE SOME OF THE ENGINEERING PROGRESS. HE AND HIS FELLOW SOVIET ENGINEERS READ ALL THE AMERICAN TECHNICAL JOURNALS POSSIBLE. HE HAS FEW ILLUSIONS ABOUT CLAIMS TO SUPERIORITY FOR SOVIET METHODS.

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TOMORROW: THE PROPAGANDA GOES ON AND ON.....

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A158FX SIXTH NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS
BULLETIN: BY JOHN RANDOLPH
PANMUNJOM, FRIDAY, JAN 1-(AP)-CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR TURNED HIS BACK ON HIS COMMUNIST CAPTORS TODAY AND RETURNED TO THE AMERICAN SIDE WITH THE COMMENT THAT IT IS "QUITE POSSIBLE" OTHER AMERICANS WILL FOLLOW HIM.

BATCHELOR SAID HE HAD WANTED TO RETURN ONE MONTH AGO BUT FEARED FOR HIS LIFE. HE SAID OTHERS AMONG THE 21 AMERICANS STILL IN THE RED COMPOUND HAD DAGGERS.

BATCHELOR TOLD AN INDIAN GUARD AT 1 A.M. TODAY HE WANTED REPATRIATION. HE WAS HANDED OVER TO THE U.N. COMMAND AT 3 P.M. (1 A.M. EST) IN CRISP BUT SUNNY WEATHER. THE EXCHANGE POINT WAS ON A HILLSIDE NEAR PANMUNJOM. 1953

HE TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE EXCHANGE POINT THAT HE COULD NOT BREAK AWAY FROM THE OTHER PRO-COMMUNISTS ON DEC. 23, THE DAY THE U.N. COMMAND ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A LOUDSPEAKER BROADCAST TO THE PRISONERS. OTHER CAPTIVES DROWNED OUT THE BROADCAST WITH SHOUTS AND YELLS.

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HE SAID "THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN VIOLENCE" IF HE HAD TRIED TO GET AWAY THAT DAY.

BATCHELOR REFUSED TO SAY WHY HE DID NOT COME HOME BEFORE NOW. HE ADMITTED HIS JAPANESE WIFE, WHO SENT HIM MANY MESSAGES WHILE HE WAS IN INDIAN CUSTODY, "HAD QUITE A BIT TO DO ABOUT IT."

HE SAID HE PLANS TO GO HOME, TO KERMIT, TEX., AND TAKE HIS WIFE WITH HIM.

HE SAID HE HAD "A FORM" OF COMMUNIST LESSONS WHILE HE WAS IN NORTH KOREAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS.

BATCHELOR AVOIDED ANSWERING MANY QUESTIONS. SEVERAL TIMES HE TOLD QUESTIONING REPORTERS "I PREFER NOT TO ANSWER THAT."

A162FX
THE YOUNG PRISONER, STILL CLAD IN THE FADED BLUE UNIFORM FURNISHED BY THE COMMUNISTS, SAID THAT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAD AN EFFECT ON THE AMERICANS REFUSING REPATRIATION. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

HE DECLINED TO GIVE THE NAMES OF ANY OF THE 21 AMERICANS REMAINING BEHIND WHO MIGHT WISH TO RETURN.

BATCHELOR TALKED WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE HE MET WITH CORRESPONDENTS FOR A BRIEF PRESS INTERVIEW.

HE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE U.N. COMMAND BY INDIAN LT. COL. UJJAL SINGH, AND RECEIVED FOR THE U.N.C. BY CAPT. GILBERT G. OSTRANDER OF GREELEY, COLO.

AFTERWARDS HE WAS EXAMINED BY LT. GEORGE H. CARMAN, AND ARMY DOCTOR FROM BINGHAMTON. N.Y.

ASSUMING HIS HEALTH IS SATISFACTORY, BATCHELOR PROBABLY WILL BE FLOWN TO TOKYO TOMORROW FOR PROCESSING THROUGH THE TOKYO ARMY HOSPITAL.

WAITING IN TOKYO FOR THE 22-YEAR OLD SOLDIER FROM KERMIT, TEX., IS HIS JAPANESE WIFE, KYOKO ARAKI, WHOM HE MARRIED IN A SHINTO SHRINE ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO. KYOKO HAS WRITTEN PLEADING LETTERS TO BATCHELOR, ASKING HIM TO COME HOME. HER LETTERS, AND THE SOLDIER'S REPLIES. WERE RELAYED BY THE ASSOCIATEDPRESS.

ONLY LAST DEC. 19 BATCHELOR WROTE KYOKO THAT "I, MYSELF, HAVE THE IDEAS OF A COMMUNIST AND I KNOW THEY ARE RIGHT." HE SAID IT WAS "IMPOSSIBLE" FOR HIM TO RETURN TO HER FROM THE RED COMPOUND.

BATCHELOR ALSO WROTE THAT HE WAS "HOMESICK FOR THE PARTIES WE ALL USED TO GO ON TOGETHER. AND I ALSO LONG TO STROLL ALONG THE SENZOKU LAKE WITH YOU ONCE MORE. . . BUT AS I SAID, CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT NOW."

THEN HE ADDED THE CRYPTIC REMARK, "I HAVE PLANS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE ARE TOGETHER AGAIN." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

WHEN KYOKO HEARD THE NEWS OF BATCHELOR'S DECISION TODAY SHE REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT UNTIL SHOWN THE DISPATCHES IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO BUREAU. THEN SHE ASKED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE SENT HER HUSBAND:

"I WANT TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AM SO GLAD YOU ARE FINALLY COMING HOME. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH."

BATCHELOR, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE U. S. FIRST CAVALRY, WAS CAPTURED IN MAY, 1951.

HE SPENT PART OF HIS IMPRISONMENT IN THE SAME CAMP WITH AP PHOTOGRAPHER FRANK "HAPPY" NOEL, REPATRIATED IN OPERATION BIG SWITCH LAST SUMMER.

AFTER HIS RELEASE, NOEL SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE BATCHELOR WAS STAYING BEHIND WILLINGLY. HE SAID BATCHELOR WAS NOT A COMMUNIST WHEN HE KNEW HIM IN THE PYOKTONG CAMP, AND ADDED THEY ONCE PLOTTED AN ESCAPE TOGETHER.

BATCHELOR ASKED FOR REPATRIATION AT 1 A. M. TODAY (11 A.M. THURSDAY, EST). HE WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY INTO CUSTODY BY INDIAN TROOPS. 1953

~~IN ACTION CAME SHORT~~

HIS ACTION CAME SHORTLY AFTER 135 CHINESE PRISONERS ASKED REPATRIATION TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE DURING A HEADCOUNT BY THE INDIAN COMMAND.

THE HEADCOUNT MAY HAVE BEEN A ONE-DAY AFFAIR. THE INDIAN COMMAND SAID IT HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO RESUME IT.

BATCHELOR IS THE SECOND AMERICAN TO REQUEST REPATRIATION AFTER FIRST CHOOSING TO STAY WITH THE COMMUNISTS. THE NIGHT OF OCT. 22 CPL. EDWARD S. DICKENSON OF BIG STONE GAP, VA., REQUESTED REPATRIATION DURING THE NIGHT. AT THE TIME HE WAS PLEADING ILLNESS AND UNDERGOING TREATMENT IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL---APART FROM HIS MATES.

HE HAS SINCE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

WITH BATCHELOR'S RETURN, THERE ARE NOW 21 AMERICANS AND ONE BRITON STILL IN THE RED COMPOUND. ALL OF THEM, INCLUDING BATCHELOR, REFUSED TO LISTEN TO ALLIED EXPLANATIONS DURING THE EXPLANATIONS PERIOD THAT ENDED DEC. 23.

MRS. PORTIA HOWE, MOTHER OF ONE OF THE 21 AMERICANS---PFC. RICHARD R. TENNESON---MADE A DRAMATIC TRANSPACIFIC FLIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN AN EFFORT TO SEE HER SON.

BUT SHE WAS STALLED IN TOKYO BY ARMY REGULATIONS THAT BARRED HER FROM KOREA. SHE WROTE HER SON, WHO REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

THREE OF THE 22 AMERICANS WERE HOSPITALIZED AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRO-COMMUNIST PRISONER DEMONSTRATION WHICH DROWNED OUT A FINAL AMERICAN "COME HOME" BROADCAST APPEAL DEC. 23. THEY WERE CPL. OTHO G. BELL, OLYMPIA, WASH.; SGT. LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, OMAHA, NEBR., AND CPL. WILLIAM A. COWART OF MONTICELLO, ARK.

THE OTHER 17 AMERICANS IN COMMUNIST HANDS ARE PFC. CLARENCE C. ADAMS, MEMPHIS, TENN.; SGT. HOWARD G. ADAMS, CORSICANA, TEX.; SGT. ALBERT C. BELHOMME, ASHLAND, PA.; SGT. 1. C. RICHARD G. GORDON, PROVIDENCE, R. I.; SGT. RUFUS E. DOUGLAS, TEXON, TEX.; PFC. JOHN R. RUNN BALTIMORE, MD.; CPL. ANDREW FORTUNA, LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; PFC. LEWIS W. GRIGGS, NECHES, TEX.; PVT. SAMUEL D. HAWKINS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.; PFC. ARLIE H. PATE, CARBONDALE, ILL.

CPL. SCOTT L. RUSH, MARIETTA, OHIO; PFC. LOWELL O. SKINNER, AKRON [redacted], OHIO; CPL. HAROLD H. WEBB, ST. PIERCE, FLA.; PFC. WILLIAM C. WHITE, PLUMBERSVILLE, ARK.,; PFC. AARON P. WILSON, URANIA, LA.; PFC. MORRIS R. WILLIS, FT. ANN, N. Y., AND PFC. JAMES G. VENERIS, HAWTHORNE. CALIF.

IN THE LATEST CASE AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMERICAN PRISONER HAD NO TROUBLE LEAVING THE PRO-COMMUNIST CAMP.

"HE SIMPLY SPOKE TO THE INDIAN GUARD WHO REMOVED HIM," THE GUARD SAID.

THE AMERICAN WAS THEN TAKEN TO INDIAN QUARTERS WHERE HE WILL BE HELD FOR THE ROUTINE VALIDATION PROCESS.

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THE RETURN OF THE 135 CHINESE YESTERDAY SO ANGERED SOUTH KOREA THAT A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL MADE A VEILED THREAT TO FREE MORE THAN 7.000 NORTH KOREANS REMAINING IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST COMPOUNDS.

"UNLESS THE INDIAN GUARDS REVERSE THEIR ATTITUDE,WE CANNOT LET OUR ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS REMAIN IN THEIR CHARGE ANY LONGER," FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI TOLD NEWSMEN.

LAST JUNE, SOUTH KOREAA TOOK SUCH AN ACTION, FREEING MORE THAN 27,000 NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS BEFORE THEY COULD BE BROUGHT TO THE NEUTRAL ZONE TO UNDERGO EXPLANATIONS AS PRISONERS UNWILLING TO ASK DIRECT REPATRIATION. THEIR RELEASE DELAYED SIGNING THE ARMISTICE.

DEC. 23 THE EXPLANATION PERIOD EXPIRED FOR THE MORE THAN 22,000 CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS STILL HELD IN NEUTRAL ZONE COMPOUNDS.

YESTERDAY, INDIAN CUSTODIAL FORCES MADEA HEAD COUNT OF 4,385 CHINESE AND 135 OF THEM ASKED TO GO BACK TO RED CHINA. THE 135 WERE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNISTS LAST NIGHT.

(PEIPING RADIO, HOWEVER, LISTED THE TOTAL RETURNED AS 128 CHINESE AND 3 NORTH KOREANS. THE BROADCAST SAID THE 131 "BROKE AWAY" FROM TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN THE COMPOUNDS WHILE THE INDIANS HELD "ROLL CALL.")

INDIAN OFFICIALS GAVE NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION WHETHER THE COUNT WOULD BE CONTINUED OR IF IT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE PRO-COMMUNIST COMPOUNDS HOUSING 22 AMERICANS, ONE BRITON AND MORE THAN 350 SOUTH KOREANS.

INDIAN OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS NOT A SCREENING EFFORT, ALTHOUGH ITS EFFECT WAS THE SAME, AND SAID "ANY REQUESTS FOR REPATRIATION MUST BE REGARDED AS ENTIRELY INCIDENTAL TO THE HEAD COUNT."

THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PAST HAVE OPPOSED ANY SCREENING OF THE PRISONERS BY THE INDIAN COMMAND.

(PEIPING RADIO IN A FRIDAY BROADCAST HEARD IN TOKYO SAID ANY ATTEMPT AT CONDUCTING SCREENING "OR DISGUISED SCREENING" IS REGARDED BY THE COMMUNISTS AS "AN ILLEGAL ACTION."

(THE BROADCAST SAID THE VIEWS WERE CONTAINED IN A LETTER SENT BY GEN. LEE SANG CHO, NORTH KOREAN MEMBER OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION TO INDIA'S LT. GEN. K. S. THIMAYYA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

(THE LETTER PURPORTEDLY SAID THAT ANY IDEA OF THE NNRC OR THE INDIAN CUSTODIAN FORCE OF SCREENING THE PRISONERS "IS NOT ONLY IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE BUT ALSO RUNS COUNTER TO THE REPORT OF THE MAJORITY NATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.")

FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN DID NOT MAKE CLEAR IN HIS BRIEF REACTION WHY HE OPPOSES THE HEAD COUNT ALTHOUGH SOUTH KOREA HAS MADE EVIDENT FROM THE START ITS HOSTILITY TO THE ROLE OF INDIA IN THE ARMISTICE.

SOUTH KOREA INSISTS THAT INDIA IS PRO-COMMUNIST.

DURING THE HEAD COUNT, THE PRISONERS WALKED ONE AT A TIME INTO A CORRIDOR WHERE EACH WAS ASKED TO WRITE HIS NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER ON A PIECE OF PAPER. THE 135 TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST REPATRIATION.

RED CHINA REPEATEDLY HAS CHARGED OVER PEIPING RADIO THAT THERE ARE MANY AMONG THE CHINESE IN THE COMPOUNDS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO COMMUNISM BUT ARE TERRORIZED BY "AGENTS" PLANTED BY SOUTH KOREA AND NATIONALIST CHINA.

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PYUN'S THREAT AGAINST ALLOWING THE PRISONERS TO REMAIN IN INDIAN CUSTODY "ANY LONGER" OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE ARMISTICE REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH PRISONERS STAY ON AT LEAST UNTIL JAN. 22.

WITH THE END OF EXPLANATIONS, THE FATE OF THE MEN IS LEFT UNTIL THAT DATE TO A POLITICAL CONFERENCE. BUT TALKS SEEKING TO ARRANGE SUCH A CONFERENCE ARE IN INDEFINITE RECESS. U.S. ENVOY ARTHUR DEAN HAS SAID THEY WILL NOT BE RECONVENED UNTIL THE REDS RETRACT AN ACCUSATION OR PERFIDY AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND SHOW MORE WILLINGNESS TO BARGAIN REALISTICALLY.

THE U.N. COMMAND CONTENDS THAT THE PRISONERS MUST BE FREED TO CIVILIAN STATUS IF THE POLITICAL CONFERENCE HAS NOT DEALT WITH THEM BY JAN. 22. THE REDS, HOWEVER, ARGUE THAT THE EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE RESUMED AND, IF THEY ARE NOT, THEN THE TWO SIDES MUST GET TOGETHER AND DEAL FURTH WITH THE PROBLEM.

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BY JOHN RANDOLPH

PANMUNJOM, DEC. 31 (AP)-INDIAN TROOPS MADE A YEAR-END HEAD COUNT OF CHINESE WAR PRISONERS IN THEIR CUSTODY TODAY AND 135 OF THE 4.385 CHECKED ASKED TO RETURN TO COMMUNIST CHINA.

THE 135 WERE RETURNED TO THE REDS THIS EVENING.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE COUNT WAS NOT A SCREENING AND DID NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR INTERVIEWS WHICH ENDED DEC. 23.

HOWEVER, INDIAN GUARDS GAVE PRISONERS WISHING TO RETURN HOME EVERY CHANCE TO ASK FOR REPATRIATION.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHETHER THE COUNT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE PRO-COMMUNIST NORTH CAMP WHICH HOLDS 22 AMERICANS WHO REFUSED TO RETURN HOME.

NOR WAS THERE ANY INDICATION WHETHER THE COUNT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO NORTH AND SOUTH KOREANS, OR THE ONE ENGLISHMAN IN CUSTODY.

SOUTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTER PYUN YUNG TAI HINTED THAT IF THE INDIAN COMMAND CONTINUES ITS PROGRAM THE ROK GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE STEPS TO FREE THE ANTI-COMMUNIST POWS.

"UNLESS THE INDIAN GUARDS REVERSE THEIR ATTITUDE," PYUN TOLD NEWSMEN, "WE CANNOT LET OUR ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS REMAIN IN THEIR CHARGE ANY LONGER."

HE DID NOT SAY WHY HE OPPOSES THE HEAD COUNT AND THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM THE INDIAN COMMAND.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN TO CALL HIM FRIDAY TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE COUNT WILL BE CONTINUED.

THE 135 CHINESE WHO ASKED TO GO HOME WERE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNISTS THURSDAY EVENING. IT WAS BY FAR THE LARGEST TRANSFER OF PRISONERS SINCE THE FORMAL POW EXCHANGE ENDED.

THE 135 OF 4,335 TALLY WAS ABOUT 3.1 PER CENT, APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS FOR THE 10 DAYS WHEN PRISONERS ATTENDED EXPLANATIONS.

OFFICIALLY, THE COUNT IS BEING MADE TO GIVE THE INDIAN COMMAND AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK ITS PRISONER ROSTERS AND TO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW MANY CAPTIVES IT HOLDS.

AN INDIAN SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT "ANY REQUESTS FOR REPATRIATION MUST BE REGARDED AS ENTIRELY INCIDENTAL TO THE HEAD COUNT." BUT OBSERVERS POINTED OUT THAT THE METHOD USED APPROACHED A DE FACTO SCREENING.

PRISONERS WALKED ONE AT A TIME INTO THE WIRE-ENCLOSED CORRIDOR AROUND THE COMPOUND AND WERE HANDED A PIECE OF PAPER ON WHICH EACH WROTE HIS NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER.

THE PRISONERS WERE KEPT SEVERAL FEET APART AS THEY MOVED ALONG THE SO-CALLED CHICKEN RUN TO A GATE WHERE THEY HANDED THE SLIP OF PAPER TO AN INDIAN OFFICER FOR CHECKING AGAINST A MASTER ROSTER.

EACH CAPTIVE WAS ALONE WITH THE OFFICER FOR SEVERAL SECONDS--LONG ENOUGH TO ASK TO GO BACK TO RED CHINA IF HE WISHED.

THE COUNT BEGAN IN ENCLOSURE B WHICH HAS 10 COMPOUNDS HOLDING CHINESE PRISONERS LISTED AS REFUSING TO GO BACK TO COMMUNIST RULE. PRISONERS FROM A FEW COMPOUNDS WERE INTERVIEWED BY RED EXPLAINERS PRIOR TO DEC. 23. MANY OF THE CAPTIVES, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED WHETHER THEY WANT TO RETURN HOME.

APPROXIMATELY 20,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST PRISONERS AND 100 PRO-COMMUNISTS--INCLUDING 22 AMERICANS--WERE NOT INTERVIEWED DURING THE 90 DAY PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE KOREAN ARMISTICE.

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THE COMMUNISTS INTERVIEWED 3,173 OF 22,400 CHINESE AND KOREAN CAPTIVES WHO DID NOT RETURN HOME AND WON BACK 138. ALLIED EXPLAINERS TALKED TO 250 KOREANS AND ALL ELECTED TO REMAIN WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

TWO MONTHS AGO LT. GEN. K.S. THIMAYYA, INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS REPATRIATION COMMISSION, SAID HE COULD EASILY SCREEN ALL PRISONERS WHO WERE NOT INTERVIEWED TO GIVE EACH MAN A FINAL CHANCE TO GO HOME.

LATER THE INDIANS ALL BUT DISCARDED ANY PLANS FOR A FORMAL SCREENING AFTER LEARNING THAT THE COMMUNISTS OPPOSED SUCH A PROCEDURE.

HOWEVER, INDIAN OFFICERS INDICATED THEY FELT A STRONG MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE EACH PRISONER AN OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST REPATRIATION.

ONE SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAIN REQUIREMENT FOR A SCREENING IS MERELY TO SEPARATE THE MEN WHO WANT TO GO HOME FROM ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADERS WHO BRING PRESSURE AGAINST THEM.

THE TECHNIQUE USED BY THE INDIANS IN MAKING THEIR HEAD COUNT FULFILLED THIS REQUIREMENT, THE ONLY THING LACKING WAS THE DELIBERATE OFFERING OF A CHOICE.

HW259APS NM

A133KX (WEST OUT)

WITH BATCHELOR (110)

TOKYO, ~~FRIDAY,~~ JAN. 1 (AP)-THE JAPANESE WIFE OF CPL. CLAUDE BATCHELOR BUBBLED WITH JOY TODAY AT THE NEWS THAT HER HUSBAND IS "COMING BACK TO ME" FROM COMMUNISM.

"I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT," SAID KYOKO ARAKI. "EVERYBODY WAS SAYING HE WOULD NOT COME BACK."

SHE HEARD THE NEWS FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER YUICHI ISHIZAKI AND WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT WAS TRUE UNTIL SHE SAW THE DISPATCHES IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO BUREAU.

SHE IMMEDIATELY ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE SENT HER HUSBAND WHO HAS BEEN 31 MONTHS IN PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS:

"I WANT TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AM SO GLAD YOU ARE FINALLY COMING HOME. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH."

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KYOKO SAID THE U.S. ARMY HAD NEVER CONTACTED HER ABOUT BATCHELOR AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW SHE WILL FINALLY GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO TELL HIM WHEN HE GETS HERE," SHE SAID. "I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO THINK."

WITH A BIG SMILE SHE ADDED, "I'M A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR'S GIRL."

KYOKO SAID HER HUSBAND TOLD HER LONG AGO HE INTENDED TO STAY IN JAPAN, BUT SHE IS ANXIOUS FOR HIM TO RETURN TO THE STATES AND SEE HIS FAMILY.

"POSSIBLY I SHOULD LIKE TO GO WITH HIM," SHE SAID.

THREE YEARS AGO LAST NIGHT SHE AND BATCHELOR WENT TO A FRIEND'S HOME IN TOKYO FOR A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

"IT WAS A VERY HAPPY TIME," SHE SAID SIMPLY.

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1953

FIRST LEAD WITH PRISONERS

KERMIT, TEX., DEC. 31 (AP)-"IT'S THE BEST NEWS I HAVE EVER HEARD," THE JUBILANT FATHER OF AN AMERICAN POW WHO CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT REPATRIATION SAID TONIGHT.

O. L. BATCHELOR, LOCAL OIL WELL DRILLER, WAS REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT A BUS STATION IN ODESSA, TEX., WHERE HE WAS WAITING FOR HIS WIFE WHO HAD BEEN VISITING RELATIVES.

"NOW, I'LL HAVE SOMETHING GOOD TO TELL MY WIFE," HE SAID WHEN READ AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY THAT CPL. CLAUDE J. BATCHELOR, 22, (CQ) HAD ASKED TO BE RETURNED.

I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT THE BIGGEST NEWS WE'VE HAD FOR A LONG, LONG TIME."

"I'VE JUST GOT TO CRY A LITTLE BIT," MRS. BATCHELOR SAID AFTER SHE HEARD THE NEWS. "I JUST FEEL LIKE SHOUTING HERE IN THIS BUS STATION. I DIDN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. IT'S THE ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS. I JUST THANK GOD."

THERE WAS A LONG PAUSE AND THEN SHE SAID:

"MY HUSBAND AND I ARE JUST STANDING HERE BAWLING LIKE KIDS."

THE BATCHELORS SPENT A SAD CHRISTMAS IN THEIR LITTLE FRAME HOUSE HERE BELIEVING THEIR SON HAD CHOSEN COMMUNISM INSTEAD OF REPATRIATION.

SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS MRS. BATCHELOR SAID "IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS NO HOPE" WHEN SHE HEARD CLAUDE WAS REPORTED AS REJECTING A FINAL DESPERATE PLEA FROM HIS JAPANESE WIFE IN TOKYO.

AT THE FAMILY HOME HERE CLAUDE'S 11-YEAR-OLD BROTHER, KENNETH, ANSWERED, A NEWSMAN'S TELEPHONE CALL.

"THAT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS. I SURE AM HAPPY," HE SAID. "I WANT HIM TO COME HOME REAL SOON."

KENNETH WAS ALONE AT HOME WHILE HIS FATHER WENT TO ODESSA.

"I WAS JUST HERE BY MYSELF FIXING MY DADDY TWO HAM SANDWICHES FOR HIS LUNCH WHEN YY CALLED," HE SAID. "YOU KNOW DADDY IS AN OIL WELL DRILLER AND WORKS AT NIGHT."

THE ELDER BATCHELORS WERE DUE HOME ABOUT 9:30 OR 10 P.M. (CST) KENNETH SAID.

KENNETH SAID THE FAMILY HAD NOT HEARD DIRECTLY FROM CLAUDE RECENTLY.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE MRS. BATCHELOR SAID SHE HAD FINALLY DECIDED THAT "ONLY A MIRACLE" COULD BRING HER BOY HOME. SHE SOBBED AS SHE TALKED OVER THE TELEPHONE.

THE 24-YEAR-OLD CORPORAL GREW UP IN THE LITTLE FRAME HOUSE HERE AND PLAYED TRUMPET IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND.

KENNETH SAID CLAUDE HAD FIVE BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS. ONE OF THE BROTHERS, A 3-YEAR-OLD, HAS NEVER SEEN CLAUDE.

MRS. BATCHELOR HAD BEEN VISITING RELATIVES IN BALLINGER AND WAS RUSHING BACK TO SEE HER HUSBAND A FEW MINUTES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE BEFORE HE HAD TO GO WORK.

BATCHELOR WAS ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT "JUST HOW SOON" HIS SON WOULD BE ON HIS WAY HOME.

"IF HE IS RETURNED SOON AND LANDS ON THE WEST COAST WE SURE WOULD GO TO MEET HIM OURSELVES," HE SAID. "WE'D GO A LONG WAY TO MEET HIM."

ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE A BIG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION THE HAPPY FATHER SAID:

"I RECKON WE WILL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT. BUT I KNOW IT'LL BE A BIG THING."

THE FATHER SAID HE BELIEVED HIS SON FINALLY REALIZED THAT "HE'D GONE WRONG" IN STAYING WITHTHE COMMUNISTS. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IF CLAUDE WAS NOT HELD AGAINST HIS WILL THAT "HE HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY BRAINWASHED."

BATCHELOR SAID HE THOUGHT HIS SON MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THOUGHT OF HOME IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BUT BECAUSE OF CLAUDE'S 22ND BIRTHDAY ON DEC. 14.

"MY WIFE WILL BE HERE IN JUST A FEW MIINUTES AND I'LL TELLHER ALL ABOUT IT," HE KEPT REPEATING.

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1953

A42KX

NEW YEAR (350)

BY JOHN RANDOLPH

SEOUL, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-THE OLD YEAR DIED IN KOREA LAST NIGHT UNDER A COLD, STAR-LIT SKY AND 1954 BROUGHT HOPE FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF REAL PEACE HERE SINCE 1950.

FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION AMERICANS HERE IN THE ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY AND MARINES, IT WAS NOT ONE OF THE YEAR'S BIG HOLIDAYS--BUT IT WAS A HAPPY ONE.

SOME MESSES SERVED STEAK AND THERE WERE LEAVES TO SEOUL AND SEVERAL OTHER LARGER KOREAN CITIES FOR SOME TROOPS.

ALMOST ALL UNITS HAD SOME KIND OF NEW YEAR'S OBSERVANCE, ALTHOUGH THE HOLIDAY DOES NOT RANK WITH THE ARMED FORCES TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS OF THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

IN SEOUL, THERE WERE NEITHER WHISTLES NOR SHOUTING TO MARK THE MIDNIGHT HOUR--NOT EVEN AUTO HORNS, EXCEPT FOR A SPORADIC TOOT HERE AND THERE.

THERE WERE A FEW CELEBRATING GIS BUT NOT MANY. AS FOR THE KOREANS. ALL BUT A TINY HANDFUL WERE IN BED AND ASLEEP ON THIS COLD WINTER NIGHT.

SEOUL CITIZENS REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S EVE JUST THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THE CHINESE ARMY HURLED ITSELF ON THE DEFENDERS OF THE CAPITAL.

ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 31, 1950, THE CHINESE LAUNCHED THE SECOND STAGE OF THEIR GREAT WINTER OFFENSIVE, CHARGING ACROSS THE FROZEN IMJIN RIVER AND STRIKING ACROSS HALF OF THE KOREAN FRONT.

JUST FOUR DAYS LATER, ON JAN. 4, THE ALLIES ABANDONED SEOUL, BLEW THE HAN RIVER BRIDGES AND RETREATED 35 MILES MORE.

EVERY ROAD WAS A RIVER OF REFUGEES WHO SUFFERED AND DIED IN THE COLD IN THE WORST HUMAN DISASTER IN KOREA'S HISTORY.

THIS YEAR, NEITHER THE IMJIM NOR THE HAN ARE FROZEN. IT IS COLD BUT NOT THE COLD OF THREE YEARS AGO.

ALONG THE FRONT ITSELF, GIS AND ROKS KEPT THEIR LOOKOUT TO THE NORTH. THEY WERE COLD, THEY WERE MISERABLE, THEY WERE LONELY--BUT THERE WAS NO WAR AND THERE WAS HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST, HEARD IN TOKYO, SAID CELEBRATIONS WERE UNDERWAY ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE OF THE LINE FOR WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS THE "FIRST VICTORY NEW YEAR" AFTER SIGNING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE RED BROADCAST SAID TRUCKS LOADED WITH FRESH SUPPLIES FROM CHINA, INCLUDING MEAT, CANNED FOOD, VEGETABLES, WINE AND CANDIES, WERE SENT TO FRONTLINE UNITS.

NEW YEAR DELICACIES WERE SAID TO INCLUDE HAMS FROM YUNAN PROVINCE PORT WINE, APPLIES AND ORANGES AND CANDIES.

THE BROADCAST SAID THAT IN "SNUG, WARM HOMES" IN UNDERGROUND POSITIONS ALONG THE FRONT, THE CHINESE RED COMMANDERS AND FIGHTERS WOULD HAVE SONGS AND DANCES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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NIGHT LEAD CHIANG

BY SPENCER MOOSA

1953

TAIPEH, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-THE NEW YEAR, 1954, CAME TODAY TO FORMOSA, HERALDED BY PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK AS LIKELY TO PROVE "DECISIVE" FOR NATIONALIST CHINA ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY FLATLY GHAT ANY COHUNTERATTACK ON RED CHINA COULD BE EXPECTED.

HIS YEAR-END MESSAGE LAST NIGHT MENTIONED ONLY "THE NOT FAR DISTANT FUTURE" IN PLANS TO CARRY THE NATIONALISTS BACK TO THE MAINLAND WHICH THEY ABANDONED TO THE REDS FIVE YEARS AGO.

CHIANG URGED HIS FOLLOWERS TO BRACE THEMSELVES FOR "MORE AND GREATER DANGERS AND DIFFICULTIES" AND TO REALIZE "THE FUTURE OF CHINA WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY OURSELVES."

"FREEDOM WILL HAVE TO BE BOUGHT WITH OUR LIVES AND NATIONAL RECOVERY ACHIEVED WITH OUR OWN BLOOD," HE SAID.

HE TOOK THIS VIEW:

"IF OUR BRETHREN ON THE MAINLAND WILL PERSIST IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE THE COMMUNISTS TO THE BITTER END, FINAL VICTORY WILL CERTAINLY COME TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHICH IS ENDEAVORING TO STAGE A COUNTER-ATTACK, TO WORK FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY AND TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

"THIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IS A MOST GLORIOUS FIGHT FOR LIGHT, LIGHT WHICH WILL DAWN UPON US IN THE NOT FAR DISTANT FUTURE."

CHIANG EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN FOR THE 14,500 CHCINESE ANTI-COMMUNIST WAR PRISONERS HELD IN THE KOREAN NEUTRAL ZONE UNDER INDIAN CUSTODY. HE CALLED THEM COURAGEOUS AND DETERMINED.

HE MADE NO MENTION OF THEIR POSSIBLE RETURN TO FORMOSA NEXT MONTH IF RELEASED AS CIVILIANS UNDER TERMS OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

CHIANG SAID THE NATIONALIST POSITION ON FORMOSA HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY DURING 1953. HE ALSO NOTED THE EVACUATION OF BETWEEN 20,000 AND 30,000 TROOPS INTERNED IN INDOCHINA TO FORMOSA WHICH "RESTORED THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION AND THEIR COMBAT STRENGTH."

HE CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT AN "ANTI-COMMUNIST ELUATION CONFERENCE" WILL BE HELD ON FORMOSA IN FEBRUARY. IT WILL FOLLOW A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT WHICH CHIANG SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

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CHIANG (220)

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK PREDICTED IN A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TODAY THAT 1954 WILL BE A DECISIVE YEAR FOR NATIONALIST CHINA.

CHIANG REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT NATIONALIST ARMIES WILL ONE DAY RECAPTURE THE COMMUNIST-HELD MAINLAND OF CHINA. BUT HE WARNED OF "MORE AND GREATER DANGERS AND DIFFICULTIES. . ."

THIS IS THE FIFTH NEW YEAR'S CHIANG HAS SPENT HERE SINCE ABANDONING THE MAINLAND LATE IN 1949.

HE SAID THAT IN 1953 HIS CHINESE NATIONALISTS FOUND THEIR STRIDE POLITICALLY, MILITARILY, ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.

"HOWEVER HARD OUR LIFE MAY BE WE ARE HAPPY AT HEART; HOWEVER DIFFICULT OUR WORK WE ARE ENERGETIC IN SPIRIT," HIS MESSAGE DECLARED. "IN THIS ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-RUSSIAN BASE OF OURS THERE IS NO ROOM FOR EXTRAVAGANCE OR PHYSICAL COMFORT BUT ONLY ROOM FOR

NATIONAL DIGNITY AND CONFIDENCE IN EVENTUAL NATIONAL RECOVERY.
"WE MUST PREPARE OURSELVES FOR MORE DIFFICULT TASKS AND MORE PAINS AND SACRIFICES IN THE PRESENT YEAR."
CHIANG SAID AN ANTI-COMMUNIST SALVATION CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD HERE IN FEBRUARY AFTER THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETS TO ELECT A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.
THE CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER MEMBERS OF CHIANG'S KUOMINTANG PARTY AND MINOR ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUPS.
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TOKYO, DEC 31 (AP)-FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN OF NEW YORK HAS COMPLETED HIS THIRD STRAIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN KOREA. HE FLEW TO JAPAN TONIGHT AFTER A NINE-DAY VISIT TO KOREA.
THE CARDINAL VISITED BY JEEP, HELICOPTER AND PLANE EVERY AMERICAN DIVISION, AND AIR FORCE, NAVY AND MARINE UNIT THROUGHOUT KOREA.
"I AM CONSOLED AT THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN AND MARINES--A SPIRIT OF SELF SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION TO THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY," THE PRELATED SAID. "I HAVE BEEN EDIFIED BY THE ZEAL OF THE CHAPLAINS AND BY THE MEN'S RESPONSE TO THEIR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP."
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A59KX 1953
(100)
TOKYO, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-NORTH KOREA'S PREMIER KIM IL SUNG SAID IN A NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO HIS ARMED FORCES THURSDAY THAT HIS MEN "MUST MAINTAIN A SHARP VIGILANCE" OVER EVERY MOVE THE ALLIES MAKE IN KOREA.
PEIPING RADIO SAID TODAY KIM TOLD HIS FIGHTING MEN "THE U. S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR SOUTH KOREAN LACKEYS ARE OBSTRUCTING BY ALL MEANS THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION."
KIM ALSO MADE THE SAME CHARGE IN ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS IN NORTH KOREA. THIS MESSAGE THANKED "THE CHINESE VOLUNTEERS" WHO, HE SAID, HELPED IN FIGHTING "AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY, THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS."
FJ643PCS

A63KX
(230)
TIBET
TOKYO, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-PEIPING RADIO TODAY SAID RED CHINA AND INDIA BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS YESTERDAY IN PEIPING "ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE CHINESE TERRITORY OF TIBET."
THE BROADCAST DID NOT SPELL OUT THE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION BUT REPORTS LAST SEPTEMBER FROM NEW DELHI LISTED THEM AS TRADE, COMMUNICATIONS AND DEFINITION OF INDIA'S LONG BORDER WITH TIBET.
THE PEIPING BROADCAST, HEARD IN TOKYO, SAID AGREEMENT TO START THE TALKS DEC. 31 WAS REACHED AFTER CHOU EN-LAI, RED CHINA'S PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, RECEIVED THE INDIA GOVERNMENT DELEGATION YESTERDAY.
N. RAGHAVAN, INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO RED CHINA, HEADED THE DELEGATION.
LAST SEPT. 23, INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER NEHRU ANNOUNCED AT NEW DELHI THAT INDIA HAD INVITED RED CHINA TO HOLD TALKS ON INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST - CONTROLLED TIBET.
NEHRU EMPHASIZED THAT NO TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS WERE INVOLVED.
"WE ONLY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE SUCH TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, PILGRIM TRAFFIC, POST AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS AS WE HAVE HAD THERE," NEHRU TOLD HIS UPPER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.
HOWEVER, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN LATER TOLD NEWSMEN THAT TALK ABOUT INDIA'S LENGTHY AND LARGELY UNDEFINED BORDER WITH TIBET "WILL NOT BE PRECLUDED."
THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IN PEIPING ARE THE FIRST OF A FORMAL NATURE ABOUT TIBET SINCE CHINESE RED ARMIES MARCHED INTO THAT WORLD'S ROOFTOP COUNTRY THREE YEARS AGO.
FJ656PCS

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A53KX 230
BY WILLIAM J. WAUGH
HONOLULU, DEC. 31 (AP)-ADM. ARTHUR W. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ARRIVED IN HONOLULU FROM THE FAR EAST TODAY AND SAID THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA WAS "NOT AS PESSIMISTIC AS NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS PAINT IT."
RADFORD SAID HE TALKED IN MANILA WITH DONALD HEATH, U.S., AMBASSADOR TO INDOCHINA WHO REPORTED THAT FRENCH GEN. NAVARRE COULD COPE WITH THE PRESENT COMMUNIST THRUST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
ASKED IF HE THOUGHT FIGHTING WOULD RESUME IN KOREA, RADFORD REPLIED:
"I DOUBT IT. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNISTS THAT THEY WOULD START FIGHTING AGAIN."
RADFORD SAID WITHDRAWAL OF TWO AMERICAN DIVISIONS WOULD NOT WEAKEN THE U.S. POSITION IN KOREA.
HE SAID THEIR GUNS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO TWO REPUBLIC OF KOREA DIVISIONS.
WITH ADM. AND MRS. RADFORD WAS WALTER ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, WHO SAID IN HIS OPINION A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD. HE ADDED:
"HOWEVER, NO ONE CAN TELL WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE THINKING. IT IS LIKE TRYING TO PONDER THE IMPONDERABLE."
ROBERTSON EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT "PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH HIS ALLIES."
THE TWO OFFICIALS WERE MET BY TOP ARMY, NAVY, MARINE AND AIR FORCE BRASS AND WERE COMPLETELY SMOTHERED WITH HAWAIIAN FLOWER LEIS.
THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR WA HINGTON MONDAY NIGHT.
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A103 1953
(160)
LONDON, DEC.31 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL SAID TODAY IN A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR HAS BEEN REDUCED THROUGH "THE GROWING STRENGTH OF THE FREE WORLD."
THE PRIME MINISTER, IN A MESSAGE FROM HIS COUNTRY HOME, CHARTWELL, TO THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE--A CONSERVATIVE PARTY ORGANIZATION--LOOKED BACK ON THE YEAR PAST AND TO THE YEAR AHEAD AND SAID:
"DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO ITS PROCLAIMED TASKS OF WINNING PEACE ABROAD AND REBUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE AT HOME.
"AT HOME OUR FINANCIAL POLICY HAS REPAIRED THE DISASTROUS SITUATION BEQUEATHED TO US BY THE LATE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE, BY TAKING SEVERE MEASURES, TO RESTORE THE STRENGTH AND PRESTIGE OF THE POUND STERLING.
"BUT OUR TASK IS FAR FROM BEING FINISHED. DURING 1954 WE INTEND TO BUILD FURTHER UPON THE GOOD FOUNDATIONS ALREADY LAID. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR PEACE BY EVERY MEANS IN OUR POWER.
"THE GROWING STRENGTH OF THE FREE WORLD, COUPLED WITH ITS DESIRE TO REACH JUST AND HONORABLE AGREEMENTS, HAS REDUCED THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT."
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A9 (140)
LONDON, DEC. 31 (AP)-PRESIDENT KLEMENTI VOROSHILOV OF THE SOVIET UNION IN A NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST TONIGHT DECLARED "THE GRANITE BASIS OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY" IS TO SECURE PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES.
"LET THE NEW YEAR BE A YEAR OF NEW LABOR ACHIEVEMENTS, RAISING THE STRENGTH OF OUR COUNTRY, A YEAR OF FURTHER DETENTE (RELAXING OF TENSION) IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, A YEAR FOSTERING PEACE IN THE

WORLD," SAID THE SOVIET MARSHAL.

THE MESSAGE, BROADCAST BY THE MOSCOW RADIO, WAS ADDRESSED TO SOVIET CITIZENS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND SOVIET YOUTH.

DECLARING THAT RUSSIA'S FIFTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN WAS BEING CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY, VOROSHILOV SAID SOVIET CULTURAL AND MATERIAL STANDARDS WERE RISING, AND THE "MONOLITHIC UNITY" OF THE PEOPLE WAS AS STRONG AS EVER.

"WITH US ARE THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES AND MILLIONS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE IN CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES," HE CONCLUDED. "THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE JOYFULLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR, 1954."

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(EDS: MAY BE INSERTED IN LONDON'S NEW YE? ROUNDUP A6, IF DESIRED).

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A19 (110)

LONDON, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE FOREIGN OFFICE DENIED TODAY A REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS INFORMED BRITAIN OF AMERICA'S INTENTION TO GO AHEAD WITH A LONG DELAYED PROGRAM OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FOR EGYPT.

"WE KNOW OF NO DECISION BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO GIVE MILITARY OR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AT THE PRESENT TIME," A SPOKESMAN SAID IN REPLY TO A QUESTION.

ASKED IF IT WAS TRUE THAT BRITAIN HAS URGED THE UNITED STATES TO POSTPONE THE PROGRAM UNTIL SETTLEMENT OF THE BRITISH-EGYPTIAN DISPUTE OVER TERMS FOR BRITAIN'S EVACUATION OF HER SUEZ CANAL BASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID:

"BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH ON OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT."

AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS REFUSED ALL COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

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AMS BUDGET (300)
NIGHT LEAD RUSSIAN
BY TOM REEDY

1953

BERLIN, DEC. 31 (AP)-TWO AMERICAN EX-PRIONERS--ONE A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND THE OTHER A MERCHANT SEAMAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF A CURED COMMUNIST--DESCRIBED SOVIET PRISON CAMPS TONIGHT AS "HELL HOLES" WHERE MEN DIED DAILY OR WORKED WITHOUT HOPE AMID BRUTALITY AND CHAOS.

THE VETERAN, PVT. HOMER H. COX, 33, OF OKLAHOMA CITY, SAID HE WAS DRUGGED IN WEST BERLIN SEPT. 5, 1949, AND APPARENTLY ABDUCTED INTO THE EAST. THE MERCHANT SEAMAN, LELAND TOWERS, 28 OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAID HE ENTERED THE SOVIET UNION ILLEGALLY IN 1951 "TO SEE WHAT IT WAS LIKE" AND SPENT ALMOST THREE YEARS LEARNING.

RELEASED BY THE RUSSIANS TUESDAY AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE KREMLIN, THE TWO WERE PRESENTED BY THE ARMY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT A NEWS AND TELEVISION CONFERENCE.

COX REELED OFF THE NAMES OF FIVE AMERICANS AND A HALF DOZEN OTHER WESTERNERS HE SAID WERE BEING HELD IN RUSSIAN CAMPS ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES THAT TURNED THEM INTO SLAVE LABORERS.

HE IDENTIFIED THE AMERICANS AS GEORGE GREEN OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., FORMER CLERK IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE IN MOSCOW BEFORE THE WAR; GREEN'S SISTER, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT KNOW; JACK HURAL OF BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.; AND TWO SOLDIERS, BILL MARCHUK OF BRACKENRIDGE, PA., AND ANDREW VERDINE OF STARKS, LA., WHO HAD BEEN ON DUTY IN WEST GERMANY.

THERE WERE IMMEDIATE REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:

THE WORD CONCERNING MARCHUK WAS WELCOMED WITH TEARS OF JOY BY HIS FAMILY IN NORRISTOWN, PA. A SISTER, MRS. ELMER F. CLEMSON, SAID MARCHUK SPOKE RUSSIAN FLUENTLY AND SHE SUSPECTED WHEN HE DISAPPEARED FIVE YEARS AGO THAT HE HAD FALLEN INTO RUSSIAN HANDS.

IN HOLLYWOOD, MR. AND MRS. ALEX HURAL SAID THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM OR CONCERNING THEIR SON JACK FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. UNTIL TODAY'S NEWS, THEY SAID, THEY HAD NOT EVEN KNOWN THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

MRS. HURAL SAID HER STEPSON, WHO IS OVER 40, LEFT THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO. "WE HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER HE HAS EVER MARRIED," SHE ADDED.

IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WILL SEEK RELEASE OF ALL THE AMERICANS, SENDING THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO AMBASSADOR CHARLES BOHLEN IN MOSCOW.

TOWERS TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE HE BECAME A CARD-CARRYING COMMUNIST IN 1947, WENT TO STOCKHOLM AND LIVED THERE TWO YEARS TRYING TO ENTER SOVIET TERRITORY, BUT NEVER GOT A VISA. HE SAID HE HACKED HIS WAY ACROSS THE FINNISH-RUSSIAN FRONTIER WITH AN AXE IN 1951 AND WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS FOR "BREAKING IN."

HE STILL THINKS THERE ARE LOTS OF FAULTS IN THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM, HE SAID, BUT THE SOVIET UNION "IS IN A STATE OF CHAOS" AND HAS CURED HIM OF COMMUNISM.

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COX, A SAILOR IN WORLD WAR II, WAS BLOWN OFF THE STRICKEN CARRIER YORKTOWN WHEN THE JAPANESE SANK HER AT MIDWAY IN 1942. HE WAS RESCUED AFTER FOUR HOURS IN THE WATER, WOUNDED AND SPENT, BUT HE SAID "THAT WAS A PICNIC" COMPARED TO LIFE AS A PRISONER IN RUSSIA.

ARMY OFFICERS SAID FOX HAS TOLD A STRAIGHT STORY OF HIS ABSENCE AND HE MOST LIKELY WILL BE RESTORED TO ACTIVE DUTY, WHICH IS WHAT HE WANTS. HE HAS BEEN LISTED AS AWOL. TOWERS' CASE IS CLOUDED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING HIM, INCLUDING HIS IDENTITY AND PREVIOUS COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

COX APPARENTLY FELL IN LOVE WHILE IN RUSSIA. ONE OF HIS FIRST ACTS AFTER HE REACHED WEST BERLIN WAS TO SEND A TELEGRAM PROFESSING IT TO AN AUSTRIAN GIRL WHO WAS FORMERLY IMPRISONED IN RUSSIA, INGE BRENNER OF VIENNA. MISS BRENNER WAS RELEASED SOME TIME AGO. COX ALSO SENT A WIRE TO ATHENS, ADVISING THE FAMILY OF MARI GRACUESI THAT "ANDRA IS ALIVE AND WELL." THE SOLDIER DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE.

COX GAVE MOST OF THE DETAILS OF FOREIGNERS HELD IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE LISTED THREE BRITONS, WILLIAM E. PIDDINGTON, JOHNNY NOBLE AND ROBERT BUTLER. THE BRITISH WAR OFFICE SAID IT HAD NO RECORD OF THE THREE ON ITS ROLLS.

COX SAID HE AND PIDDINGTON WERE IN ADJOINING CELLS IN EAST GERMANY FOR A WHILE AND THEY COMMUNICATED WITH EACH OTHER BY KNOCKING ON THE WALLS IN CODE. LATER HE SAW PIDDINGTON IN THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID HE WAS IN "JUST AS BAD SHAPE AS ALL OF US." THE AMERICAN, ONCE 180 POUNDS, SAID HE FELL TO 117 POUNDS AT ONE POINT BUT NOW IS BACK TO 150.

OTHERS NAMED WERE ROY L. LINDER, WHOM COX IDENTIFIED AS A ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE GROUP CAPTAIN, AND TWO FRENCHMEN, RICHARD (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND LOUIS RENARD. THE RCAF SAID IT HAD NO RECORD OF LINDER.

COX WORKED IN A COAL MINE AT THE VORKUTA CAMP 300 MILES FROM MOSCOW, WHERE WINTER TEMPERATURES GO 56 BELOW ZERO, HE SAID. TOWERS CLAIMED HE WAS IN A LUMBERING CAMP. HE EXPLAINED HIS SMOOTH HANDS, UNSCARRED BY HEAVY LABOR, BY SAYING THE RUSSIANS KEPT HIM SUPPLIED WITH GLOVES.

AT VORKUTA, THE SOLDIER SAID, MEN DIED EVERY DAY AND SOMETIMES LAGGARDS WERE MACHINEGUNNED BY RUSSIAN GUARDS.

A GERMAN WOMAN NOW IN THE WEST AFTER RELEASE FROM A SLAVE LABOR VILLAGE IN SIBERIA SAID GUARDS AT VORKUTA SHOT DOWN 120 LEADERS OF A STRIKE IN SOME OF THE COAL PITS LAST MAY. OTHER GERMAN RETURNEES SAID THE RUSSIANS ARE HOLDING ABOUT 1,600 FOREIGNERS IN ANOTHER CAMP NEAR MOSCOW.

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THOSE NOW COMING BACK IN DRIBLETS ARE BEING RELEASED UNDER THE KREMLIN'S ANNOUNCED AMNESTY OF "MINOR WAR CRIMINALS." SOME OF THOSE WHO REACHED GERMANY AND AUSTRIA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TOLD OF SEEING COX

AND TOWERS, WHICH PROMPTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE REPRESENTATIONS THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THEIR REPATRIATION.

COX SAID THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT OF SUCH PLACES. ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE, HE ASSERTED. NEITHER HE NOR TOWERS MADE ANY EFFORT TO BREAK AWAY.

"THERE IS NO PLACE TO GO IF YOU DO GET OUT OF ONE OF THOSE CAMPS," COX SAID.

REMEMBERING HIS OWN PLIGHT, THE SOLDIER CUDGELED HIS MEMORY FOR ANY NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY FOREIGNERS STILL HELD SO THAT THEY MIGHT GET THE SAME BREAK. TOWERS VOLUNTEERED LITTLE INFORMATION, SAID HIS STORY WOULD COME OUT IN DUE TIME AND HINTED THAT HE WAS NOT AVERSE TO THE "CAPITALISTIC INSTINCT" OF SELLING IT.

IN [illegible]NA, MISS BRENNER, [illegible]ARK-EYED, 26-YEAR-OLD CHEMIST, SAID SHE [illegible]ERY, VERY HAPPY" TO LEARN OF COX' RELEASE. ASKED IF SHE AND [illegible]DIER HAD VOWED TO MARRY AFTER THEIR RELEASE, SHE HESITATED, BLUS[illegible] THEN NODDED FIRMLY. THE DATE IS STILL TO BE SETTLED.

"[illegible]'T KNOW WHEN HE WILL BE RELEASED BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN," SHE SAID, "AND I'M AFRAID MY PARENTS WON'T LET ME GO SO SOON AFTER MY RELEASE."

SHE RETURNED HOME ONLY LAST OCTOBER. THE RUSSIANS ARRESTED HER IN VIENNA IN APRIL, 1950, ON CHARGES OF "ESPIONAGE AND ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA." SHE SAID SHE MET COX AND TOWERS IN A TRANSIT CAMP AT TCHERBAKOV LAST JULY.

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BY TOM REEDY

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BERLIN, DEC. 31 (AP)-TWO AMERICANS RELEASED BY THE RUSSIANS AFTER YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT AND FORCED LABOR SAID TODAY SOVIET DETENTION CAMPS ARE "HELL HOLES" WHERE MURDER AND VIOLENT DEATH ARE COMMONPLACE.

LELAND TOWERS, 23, A MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM (1414 14TH STREET) SAN FRANCISCO, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE HAD BEEN A CARD-CARRYING COMMUNIST "BUT NEVER AGAIN."

PVT. HOMER COX, OF (1509 NORTHWEST 15TH STREET) OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., (CORRECT) SAID HE WAS BLOWN OFF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER YORKTOWN BEFORE THE JAPANESE SANK HER IN 1942 "AND THAT WAS A PICNIC" COMPARED TO THE RUSSIAN WORK CAMPS.

THE TWO MEN WERE TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICANS IN BERLIN TWO DAYS AGO, AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND MOSCOW.

TOWERS SAID HE HAD TRIED TO GO TO THE SOVIET UNION TO SEE WHAT THE MAINSPRING OF COMMUNISM WAS LIKE AND HAD BEEN REFUSED A VISA. THEN, HE EXPLAINED, HE CROSSED INTO RUSSIA OVER THE FINNISH BORDER IN 1951 AND WAS ARRESTED, CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS "FOR BREAKING IN."

EX-SAILOR COX, A MILITARY POLICEMAN IN WEST BERLIN, SAID HE WAS APPARENTLY "DRUGGED" IN A CAFE THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 5, 1949, AND WHEN HE AWOKE HE WAS IN RUSSIAN HANDS. HE SAID THEY GAVE HIM 53 YEARS AFTER A QUICK TRIAL ON CHARGES OF BEING PART OF AN "INTELLIGENCE" ORGANIZATION, AND SUSPICION OF HAVING SLAIN A RUSSIAN OFFICER.

BOTH MEN SAID THEY SAW MANY FOREIGNERS IN VARIOUS WORK CAMPS IN THE SOVIET UNION. COX SAID THESE INCLUDED BILL MARCHUK, OF BRACKENRIDGE, PA. AND ANDREW VERDINE, OF STARKS, LA., AMERICAN SOLDIERS ONCE STATIONED IN GERMANY, AND SIX OTHER SOLDIERS FROM THE AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION FORCES.

COX SAID HE WORKED IN A COAL MINE AT THE INFAMOUS WORKUTA CAMP.

"EVERY DAY SOMEBODY DIED," HE SAID QUIETLY: SOME WERE MACHINE-GUNNED BY SOVIET TROOPS FOR LAGGING. OTHERS WERE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS. FIGHTS BROKE OUT CONSTANTLY AND SOME RESULTED IN FATALITIES.

TOWERS WORKED IN A LUMBER CAMP. OF IT, ALL HE WOULD SAY WAS: "IT WAS BAD, VERY BAD."

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A COMMUNIST SINCE 1947, TOWERS SAID:

"I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE WHAT THE WORD COMMUNIST MEANS. I THOUGHT AND STILL THINK THERE IS LOTS WRONG WITH THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, BUT THE RUSSIANS ARE STARTING FROM SCRATCH. I LOVE FREEDOM MORE THAN EVER NOW, ALTHOUGH I STILL THINK THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD."

TALL, GLIB AND INTENSE, TOWERS DECLINED DETAILS OF HIS EXPERIENCE IN RUSSIA. ASKED IF HE HAD IN MIND SOME "CAPITALISTIC INSTINCT" FOR SELLING HIS STORY LATER, HE GRINNED SHEEPISHLY AND SAID: "YOU'RE GETTING WARM".

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE A COMMUNIST AGAIN, TOWERS REPLIED: "GOOD GOD, NO."

THE RUSSIAN HANDLING OF THEIR COMMUNIST STATE IS "COMPLETE CHAOS," HE SAID. HE PLANS TO VISIT SPAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA, BEFORE GOING BACK TO THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, "IF THAT IS POSSIBLE."

COX TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE HE WANTS TO REMAIN IN THE ARMY. NOW 33, HE HAS BEEN IN THE ARMED FORCES SINCE HE WAS 13, FIRST IN THE NAVY AND THEN IN THE ARMY SINCE 1945.

TOWERS SAID HIS THREE [illegible] SENTENCE "DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING" BECAUSE WITHOUT THE INTER[illegible]TION OF THE UNITED STATES THE RUSSIANS PROBABLY WOULD HAVE KEPT RE-ARRESTING HIM AND IMPOSING NEW TERMS.

COX TOLD HIS STORY CHRONOLOGICALLY FROM THE NIGHT HE DROPPED INTO A BRITISH SECTOR CAFE FOR A COGNAC.

"I MET A MAN AND TWO WOMEN, GERMANS I GUESS, AND THEY INVITED ME TO JOIN THEM," HE RELATED. "I HAD ABOUT FOUR DRINKS AND NEXT THING I KNEW IT WAS THE NEXT DAY AND I WAS IN JAIL IN THE EAST. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE ALCOHOL. I MUST HAVE BEEN DRUGGED.

"RUSSIANS BEAT ME AND INTERROGATED ME EVERY DAY FOR NINE MONTHS. THEY SAID I LURED OFFICERS TO THE WEST, THAT I KILLED ONE. THEY SAID THE MILITARY POLICE ARE PART OF INTELLIGENCE, AND THE UNIT IS GUILTY SO I WAS GUILTY TOO."

HELD IN EAST GERMANY MOE THAN TWO YEARS, COX SAID HE THEN WAS TAKEN TO A SERIES OF CAMPS IN RUSSIA, WINDING UP AT WORKUTA. AT ONE POINT, HIS SENTENCE WAS CUT TO 25 YEARS. HE WAS RELEASED THIS PAST CHRISTMAS AND BROUGHT FROM MOSCOW TO BERLIN BY TRAIN.

"THERE WAS NEVER ANY CHANCE OF ESCAPING," COX SAID. "AT ONE CAMP, WE WERE 300 MILES FROM MOSCOW AND THE TEMPERATURE LAST WINTER WAS 56 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PLACE TO GO."

HE UNDERWENT A MINOR OPERATION IN ONE CAMP, PERFORMED BY A RUSSIAN DOCTOR WHO ALSO WAS A PRISONER.

AT ONE TIME HE WEIGHED ONLY 117 POUNDS BUT THE RUSSIANS FATTENED HIM UP TO HIS PRESENT 150 AFTER DECIDING TO RELEASE HIM.

TOWERS' CASE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE U.S. CONSUL HERE. HE HAD LIVED IN STOCKHOLM FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE HE TRIED TO CRASH THE IRON CURTAIN.

THE ARMY IS INVESTIGATING THE CASE OF COX, WHO HAS BEEN CARRIED ON THE ROLLS AS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE BUT NOT AS A DESERTER. OFFICERS INDICATED HOWEVER THAT THE SOLDIER HAS TOLD A STRAIGHT STORY AND HE MOST LIKELY WOULD BE RESTORED TO ACTIVE DUTY.

AFTER THE NEWS CONFERENCE, BOTH MEN WERE INTERVIEWED FOR TELEVISION. COX SAID FOR THE TV CAMERAS THAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN TO TELL THE PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT THREE OTHER AMERICANS HE SAW IN WORKUTA. HE IDENTIFIED THEM AS GEORGE GREEN, ABOUT 37, OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., A [redacted] IN MOSCOW, AND HIS SISTER WHOE NAME HE DID NOT KNOW, AND JACK HURAL, SON OF A DENTAL TECHNICIAN IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. CLERK BEFORE WORLD WAR II IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BUREAU

IN LOS ANGELES A REPORTER TELEPHONED THE ALEX HURAL DENTURE LABORATORY. A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WAS MRS. HURAL ANSWERED, SAYING HURAL COULD NOT COME TO THE PHONE THEN.

THE REASON FOR THE CALL WAS EXPLAINED AND MRS. HURAL DEMANDED, "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?" THEN SHE ADDED HASTILY, "I HAVE NOTHING AT ALL TO SAY TO YOU ABOUT THIS, NOTHING AT ALL."

AT STARKS, LA., AMON HUSBAND, LOCAL STOREKEEPER, SAID HE HAD NOTIFIED MRS. FANNY VERDINE AFTER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEPHONED HIM. THE FAMILY LIVES THREE MILES FROM THE REMOTE COMMUNITY AND HAS NO TELEPHONE.

"THE MOTHER WAS PRETTY UPSET," HUSBAND SAID. "SHE SAID SHE'D GIVEN THE BOY UP FOR DEAD SEVERAL YEARS AGO. SHE DIDN'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

"THEY'RE GETTING A LITTLE USED TO THE IDEA NOW, BUT NATURALLY THEY WANT TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IT--WHERE HE IS AND WHAT CHANCE THERE IS HE WILL BE RELEASED."

MRS. VERDINE IS A WIDOW WITH A LARGE FAMILY.

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PRISONERS SEPARATE (200)

BERLIN, DEC. 31 (AP)-A U.S. SOLDIER FREED BY THE RUSSIANS AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT AND FORCED LABOR SAID TODAY AT LEAST 11 OTHER AMERICANS ARE BEING HELD IN SOVIT WORK CAMPS.

PRIVATE HOMER COX, OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., MADE THE STATEMENT AT NEWS AND TELEVISION CONFERENCES TWO DAYS AFTER SOVIET OFFICIALS TURNED HIM AND LELAND TOWERS, A 23-YEAR-OLD MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO, OVER TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN.

COX IDENTIFIED THE AMERICANS HE RAN ACROSS IN THE SOVIET CAMPS AS:

BILL MARCHUK, OF BRACKENRIDGE, PA., AND ANDREW VERDINE, OF STARKS, LA., BOTH U.S. SOLDIERS ONCE STATIONED IN GERMANY.

GEORGE GREEN, ABOUT 37, OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., A CLERK IN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS'S MOSCOW BUREAU BEFORE WORLD WAR II, AND HIS SISTER. COX SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE SISTER'S NAME.

JACK HURAL, SON OF A DENTAL TECHNICIAN IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

SIX SOLDIERS FROM THE U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES IN AUSTRIA. COX DID NOT MENTION ANY OF THEIR NAMES.

AT HERRLESHAUSEN, GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR RETURNING FROM CAPTIVITY IN THE SOVIET UNION ALSO REPORTED THAT SOME AMERICANS WERE BEING HELD AT AN "INTERNATIONAL CAMP" NEAR MOSCOW.

ONE RETURNEE, FORMER WEHRMACHT LT. KURT STOTZKA, SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY A FEW OF THE 1,600 PRISONERS THERE WERE AMERICANS. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD ONLY MEAGER DETAILS OF THE CAMP SINCE NONE OF THE PRISONERS WERE GERMAN.

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(WITH BERLIN)

OKLAHOMA CITY, DEC. 31 (AP)-HOMER COX, ONE OF TWO AMERICANS FREED FROM RUSSIAN IMPRISONMENT, TOLD HIS MOTHER BY TELEPHONE FROM BERLIN TODAY HE WOULD BE COMING HOME FOR A VISIT BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN.

MRS. EDITH SPENCER TALKED TO THE 33-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN SOLDIER AT MID-MORNING BUT SAID SHE DIDN'T GET TO ASK HIM MUCH ABOUT HIMSELF.

"HE SAID HE WAS ALL RIGHT AND THAT HE WOULD GET TO COME HOME. HE DIDN'T KNOW JUST WHEN HE'D GET TO COME BUT HE SAID FOR ME NOT TO WORRY."

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FOLO BERLIN AMERICAN PRISONERS (160)

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC 31 (AP)-THE MOTHER OF ONE OF TWO AMERICANS RELEASED TUESDAY AFTER YEARS IN SOVIET PRISON CAMPS, SAID TODAY "I HOPE CREDIT IS GIVEN TO THE WONDERFUL AMBASSADOR, CHARLES BOHLEN, WE NOW HAVE IN MOSCOW. HE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS MOVING."

MRS. IRENE TOWERS, MOTHER OF MERCHANT SEAMAN LELAND TOWERS, 23, WHO WAS NABBED ON THE RUSSO-FINNISH BORDER IN 1951, WAS AWAY ON A VISIT WHEN HER SON WAS RELEASED.

RETURNING HOME TODAY, SHE TOLD A REPORTER "ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS GETTING HIM HOME. AFTER THAT WE'LL START THINKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS."

TOWERS TOLD NEWSMEN IN BERLIN TODAY THAT HE JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1947, BUT THAT HIS EXPERIENCES AS A SOVIET PRISONER HAVE CURED HIM OF COMMUNISM.

HIS WIDOWED MOTHER, HOWEVER, SAID SHE KNEW NOTHING OF HER SON'S POLITICAL OPINIONS OR AMBITIONS. "ALL I WANT IS TO GET HIM HOME," SHE REPEATED.

SHE FIRST LEARNED OF HIS WHEREABOUTS IN OCTOBER, WHEN AN AUSTRIAN FREED BY THE RUSSIANS TOLD OF SEEING TOWERS AND ARMY PVT. HOMER H. COX OF OKLAHOMA CITY IN A RED PRISON CAMP. SHE THEN ASKED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO INTERVENE AND THE RELEASE OF THE TWO WAS FINALLY NEGOTIATED.

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WITH AMERICANS (330)

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(PG) NORRISTOWN, PA., DEC. 31 (AP)-NEWS THAT A FORMER BRECKENRIDGE, PA., SOLIDER IS ALIVE BUT IN A RUSSIAN SLAVE CAMP TODAY BROUGHT JOYOUS TEARS TO HIS FAMILY.

LELAND TOWERS AND PVT. HOMER COX, RELEASED BY THE RUSSIANS TWO DAYS AGO, SAID THEY SAW BILL MARCHUK IN A WORK CAMP.

"OH, MY POOR FATHER AND MOTHER," EXCLAIMED MRS. ELMER F. CLEMSON, A SISTER OF MARCHUK, WHEN TOLD HER BROTHER IS ALIVE. SOBBING AUDIBLY, SHE ADDED:

"THEY WILL BE SO GLAD TO HEAR THIS. WE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD. WE'VE NEVER QUITE GIVE UP HOPE, BUT WE HAD NOTHING TO GO ON.

"MY FATHER HAS HAD ME WRITE THE ARMY EACH MONTH TO INQUIRE. AL WE EVER GOT WAS A REPORT FROM THE ARMY AND THE FBI THAT BILL WAS AWOL IN BERLIN FIVE YEARS AGO.

"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO MY FATHER CAREFULLY. SINCE BILL DISAPPEARED HE SUFFERED A STROKE. THAT LEFT HIS SIDE PARALYZED. I KNOW THE NEWS THAT BILL IS ALIVE IS GOING TO MAKE HIM FEEL MUCH BETTER."

MRS. CLEMSON SAID SHE SUSPECTED AFTER BILL DISAPPEARANCE THAT HE MAY HAVE FALLEN INTO RUSSIAN HANDS, EXPLAINING:

"YOU SEE BOTH OF US SPEAK RUSSIAN FLUENTLY. WE LEARNED IT AS CHILDREN WHEN WE ATTENDED RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SCHOOLS."

SHE SAID HER BROTHER WORKED FOR A SHORT TIME FOR A UTILITY COMPANY IN SPRINGDALE, NEAR PITTSBURGH, AFTER HE WAS GRADUATED FROM HAR-BRACK HIGH SCHOOL.

THIS WORK WAS BRIEF, SHE SAID, AND HER BROTHER ENTERED THE AIR FORCE. HIS SERVICE INCLUDED PANAMA, INDIAN AND BURMA.

AFTER HIS ENLISTMENT BILL RETURNED HOME, SHE SAID, BUT FOUND LIFE DULL, ADDING:

"HE WAS ONE OF THOSE FELLOWS WHO JUST COULDN'T ADJUST TO CIVILIAN LIFE. HE WAS VERY UNHAPPY AND RE-ENLISTED, THIS TIME IN THE INFANTRY."

SHE SAID THE LAST TIME SHE HEARD FROM HIM WAS SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS FIVE YEARS AGO.

BILL'S PARENTS, WHO LIVED IN BRACKENRIDGE 21 YEARS, MOVED TO NORRISTOWN 18 MONTHS AGO.

(EDS: FIRST GRAF MAKE IT READ: BRACKENRIDGE, PA. STED BRECHENRIDGE.)

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(200) COX-TOWERS (WITH BERLIN A69)
WASHINGTON, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT WILL SEEK THE RELEASE OF OTHER AMERICANS REPORTED BY LELAND TOWARS AND HOMER COX TO BE HELD IN THE SOVIET UNION.
TOWERS, A MERCHANT SEAMAN, OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND SOX, A MILITARY POLICEMAN OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. WERE RELEASED FROM SOVIET DETENTION TWO DAYS AGO AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND MOSCOW. THE TWO MEN REPORTED IN BERLIN TODAY THAT MANY FOREIGNERS ARE HELD IN THE SOVIET UNION, INCLUDING AMERICANS.
THEY NAMED SOME OF THESE AMERICANS AS BILL MARCHUK OF BRECKENRIDGE, PA.; ANDREW VERDINE OF STARKS, LA.; JACK HURAL OF BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.; GEORGE GREEN OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.; AND GREEN'S SISTER WHOSE NAME THEY SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW.
A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN BERLIN HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR A FULL REPORT ON WHAT OTHER AMERICANS COX AND TOWERS SAY THEY SAW IN SOVIET PRISON CAMPS.
WHEN THIS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR CHARLES BOHLEN AT MOSCOW AND BOHLEN WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE "AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION."
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BOHLEN, IN SEEKING THE RELEASE OF COX AND TOWERS, INQUIRED AT THE SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ABOUT THREE OTHER AMERICANS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO GIVE THE NAMES OF THESE THREE.
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BONN, GERMANY, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE BIG THREE POWERS WILL DELIVER TO MOSCOW LATE TODAY OR TOMORROW THEIR NOTES ACCEPTING RUSSIA'S PROPOSAL THAT THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET IN BERLIN ON JAN. 25, ALLIED OFFICIALS SAID HERE TODAY.
THE WESTERN NOTES ALSO AGREE THAT THE FOUR HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY OR THEIR DEPUTIES SHOULD DECIDE WHERE THE CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD IN BERLIN, THESE OFFICIALS SAID.
THEY DESCRIBED THE WESTERN NOTES AS "VERY SHORT." OFFICIALS OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS DRAFTED THE NOTES IN PARIS.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BIG FOUR POWERS ARE EXPECTED TO MEET IN BERLIN NEXT WEEK TO SELECT A BUILDING FOR THE CONFERENCE.
ALSO TO BE SETTLED IN PRELIMINARY TALKS ARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY AND FOR NEWS COVERAGE.
CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER WAS HANDED A COPY OF THE NOTE BY FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER ANDRE FRANCOIS-PONCET, AND THE BONN GOVERNMENT SAID THE WEST GERMAN LEADER VOICED HIS APPROVAL OF THE TEXT.
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BERLIN, DEC.31 (AP)-THE SOVIETS FORMALLY TURNED OVER TO THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TONIGHT 33 MAJOR INDUSTRIES WHICH HAD WORKED FOR RUSSIAN REPARATIONS SINCE THE WAR.
THE PLANTS INCLUDE THE GIANT FORMER I.G.FARBEN CHEMICAL WORKS AT LEUNA AND THE KRUPP STEEL WORKS AT MAGDEBURG.
MOSCOW ANNOUNCED LAST AUGUST IT WOULD RETURN THESE TO EAST GERMAN CONTROL AT THE END OF THE YEAR AS WELL AS HALT REPARATIONS AND REDUCE OCCUPATION COSTS.
CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED AT MANY OF THE PLANTS BY SOVIET ZONE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS AND RUSSIAN HIGH COMMISSION AUTHORITIES. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WALTER ULBRICHT, THE PARTY BOSS, PRESIDED AT THE LEUNA PLANT TURNOVER.
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NIGHT LEAD PRISONERS (280)
CAMP FRIEDLAND, GERMANY, DEC. 31 (AP)-TWO PROMINENT GERMAN WAR PRISONERS-- A BARON AND HIS WIFE WHO MANAGED TO STAY TOGETHER DURING EIGHT YEARS OF SOVIET CAPTIVITY-- RETURNED TO THEIR HOMELAND TODAY. THEY SAID THEIR ONE-THOUGHT WAS A HONEYMOON IN SOUTHERN EUROPE.
THE 41-YEAR-OLD COUPLE WAS BARON FRANK VON HAUSEN-AUBIER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE SIXTH CORPS, AND HIS WIFE, TRAUTE, A FORMER MAJOR IN THE LUFTWAFFE.
HITLER AWARDED TRAUTE THE KNIGHT'S CROSS. SHE IS THE ONLY WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SO HONORED.
THE BARONESS SAID THAT DURING THEIR STAY AT A CAMP NEAR SEVASTAPOL SHE HAD SEEN A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH PRISONERS, ALL IN UNIFORM. BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY NAMES.
THE COUPLE WAS AMONG 865 GERMAN POW'S WHO CROSSED INTO WEST GERMANY TODAY. A GROUP OF SIMILAR SIZE CAME LAST NIGHT, AND ANOTHER 800 IS EXPECTED TOMORROW.
BOTH THE BARON AND HIS WIFE WERE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION. IN ADDITION, WAR-TIME WOUNDS WERE STILL BOTHERING HER, AND HE HADN'T RECOVERED FROM PNEUMONIA CONTACTED IN THE BLEAK RUSSIAN CAMPS. THEY WERE BOTH CAPTURED IN MAY, 1945.
THE BARONESS WAS STILL WEARING HER LUFTWAFFE UNIFORM, WHICH INCLUDED A PAIR OF TROUSERS. HER HUSBAND COMPLAINED WITH A SMILE THAT SINCE THEIR MARRIAGE IN MARCH 1945, HE HAD SEEN HER ONLY ONCE IN A DRESS.
THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A BLACK RAVEN NAMED PETER, WHO HAS BEEN THEIR PET FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.
ANOTHER MEMBER OF TODAY'S GROUP WAS DR. WILHELM HOMRIGHAUSEN WHO REPORTED HE HAD WORKED FOR THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS IN A SECLUDED SECTION OF MOSCOW WHERE GERMAN ATOM SCIENTISTS WERE QUARTERED.
HOMRIGHAUSEN, WHO WORKED AS A COMBINATION SERVANT-DOCTOR, SAID THE SCIENTISTS WERE PRO-SOVIET AT FIRST, BUT BEGAN TO GRUMBLE AS THE MONTHS DRAGGED BY WITHOUT ANY INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD EVER GO HOME.
HE SAID HE KNEW OF FOUR INSTITUTES IN RUSSIA WHERE THE GERMANS AND RUSSIANS CARRIED ON ATOM RESEARCH. ONE OF THE INSTITUTES, HE SAID, HAD BEEN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SON OF LAVRENTY P. BERIA, FORMER SOVIET POLICE BOSS EXECUTED RECENTLY.
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CAMP FRIEDLAND, GERMANY, DEC. 31 (AP)-A 35-YEAR-OLD GERMAN WOMAN FROM A SOVIET SLAVE LABOR VILLAGE IN SIBERIA SAID TODAY SHE HAD SEEN 120 MEN SHOT DOWN BECAUSE THEY DARED LEAD A STRIKE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS.

BRIGITTE GERLAND, ARRESTED IN DRESDEN IN 1946 WHILE A FREE LANCE JOURNALIST, SAID SHE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS HARD LABOR BY A DRUMHEAD SOVIET TRIBUNAL WITHOUT EVER BEING TOLD WHY.

HER FIVE YEARS EXPIRED IN 1951, BUT SHE WAS NOT RELEASED THEN. SHE WAS FREED THIS WEEK AND ENTERED WEST GERMANY. SHE SAID THAT AFTER A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET SECRET POLICE IN DRESDEN AND THE RAPID-FIRE PASSING OF SENTENCE ON HER, SHE WAS SHIPPED TO A SLAVE LABOR AREA AT WORKUTA, INSIDE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE IN SIBERIA.

NO ACTUAL PRISON CAMPS EXIST AT WORKUTA, SHE SAID, BUT SOVIET SOLDIERS FORM A RING OF STEEL ABOUT IT, LEAVING SLAVE LABORERS TO MOVE IN COMPARATIVE FREEDOM IN THE GUARDED ZONE. MORE THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE WORKERS AT WORKUTA ARE UKRAINIANS, SHE ADDED.

SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO ROAD AND RAIL CONSTRUCTION GANGS WORKING IN THE ICY ARCTIC TUNDRA. LAST MAY, SHE RELATED, AN ORGANIZED STRIKE BROKE OUT IN THE SPRAWLING COAL PITS OF THE WORKUTA DISTRICT. SHE BELIEVES 50 MINES WERE INVOLVED AND HEARD FROM OTHERS THAT IN 32 OF THE PITS THE STRIKE WAS 100 PER CENT EFFECTIVE. AND SHE ESTIMATED THAT EACH OF THE 50 MINES WORKS UP TO 5,000 LABORERS.

SOVIET TROOPS MOVED IN AT ONCE, AND 120 STRIKE LEADERS WERE RUTHLESSLY MOWED DOWN BY RIFLE AND TOMMYGUN BULLETS. LESSER FRY IN THE DESPERATE ACTION AGAINST SOVIET FORCE WERE TAKEN FROM WORKUTA AND NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN. SHE NEVER LEARNED WHAT THE STRIKE WAS AGAINST, NOR THE FINAL OUTCOME, FOR SHORTLY AFTER THE PUBLIC EXECUTIONS OF THE LEADERS SHE WAS MOVED TO A CAMP IN EAST PRUSSIA.

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IT WAS FROM THIS CAMP THAT SHE WAS SENT TO A TRANSIT STATION AND LATER FREED. SHE STAYED BRIEFLY AT CAMP FRIEDLAND, WEST GERMANY'S BIGGEST TRANSIT CAMP, THEN LEFT FOR HER HOME IN STUTTGART.

AT HERLESHAUSEN, GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR RETURNING HOME AFTER ALMOST A DECADE IN SOVIET CAPTIVITY TOLD OF AN "INTERNATIONAL CAMP" WHOSE 1,600 PRISONERS INCLUDED AMERICAN AND BRITISH SOLDIERS.

THEY SAID THE CAMP WAS SITUATED NEAR MOSCOW AND THAT BESIDES AMERICAN AND BRITISH PRISONERS, IT HELD FRENCH, AUSTRIANS, DUTCH, BELGIANS, ROMANIANS, IRANIANS AND HUNGARIANS.

ONE RETURNEE, FORMER WEHRMACHT LT.KURT STOTZKA, SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD ONLY "A FEW OF THE PRISONERS" WERE AMERICANS OR BRITISH. HE SAID ONLY MEAGER DETAILS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL CAMP" WERE AVAILABLE SINCE NO GERMANS WERE IN IT.

EIGHT HUNDRED FORMER GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS AND MEN CROSSED INTO WEST GERMANY HERE LAST NIGHT AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM SOVIET PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS.

ANOTHER 1,000 PRISONERS WERE DUE TO BE RELEASED BY COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES TODAY.

THE RETURNEES ALSO REPORTED THAT WEHRMACHT FIELD MARSHAL FERDINAND SCHOERNER, CAPTURED BY THE AMERICANS IN 1945 AND TURNED OVER TO THE SOVIETS, DIED IN ONE OF THE POW CAMPS NEAR MOSCOW. THEY SAID THEY GOT THEIR INFORMATION FROM RESPONSIBLE RUSSIAN OFFICIALS AT THE PRISON CAMPS.

THIRTY-THREE FORMER GERMAN GENERALS ARE STILL HELD IN SOVIET POW CAMPS, ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE RETURNEES INTERVIEWED HERE BY REPORTERS.

THEY CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS THAT HANS BAUER, ONCE HITLER'S PILOT; THE SON OF ARTHUR SEYSS-INQUART, FORMER NAZI CHANCELLOR OF AUSTRIA, AND THE SON OF FORMER GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN SCHLANGE SCHOENINGEN ARE STILL BEHIND SOVIET BARBED WIRE.

ONE OF THE RETURNEES WAS WALTER GROTEWOHL, 42, NEPHEW OF EAST GERMAN PREMIER OTTO GROTEWOHL. HE SAID THE COMMUNIST PREMIER "IS NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH OUR FAMILY."

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NIGHT LEAD CLARK (230)

PARIS, DEC. 31 (AP)-JUDGE WILLIAM CLARK, DEPOSED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM IN GERMANY, HEADED HOME TODAY WITH A PARTING BLAST AT AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHOM HE ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH HIS FILES.

JUST BEFORE HE BOARDED A TRAIN FOR CHERBOURG TO CATCH THE LINER QUEEN MARY FOR NEW YORK, THE WEALTHY PRINCETON, N.J., JURIST FIRED OFF A TELEGRAM TO U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER JAMES B. CONANT AT BONN. IT SAID:

"UNDERSTAND MY PERSONAL AND OFFICE FILES WERE TAMPERED WITH BY YOUR OFFICE. SHOCKED AT USE OF SUCH GESTAPO METHODS."

A U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER SPOKESMAN IN BONN SAID CONSULTATE AUTHORITIES IN FRANKFURT HAD CHANGED THE COMBINATION OF CLARK'S OFFICE SAFE THERE AS A SECURITY MEASURE, BUT DENIED THERE WAS ANY TAMPERING WITH THE JUDGE'S PAPERS. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED THAT CLARK'S FILES BE SENT TO WASHINGTON AND OPENED IN HIS PRESENCE SO HE COULD CLAIM ANY PERSONAL PAPERS.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SUSPENDED THE JURIST DEC. 9 AFTER HE HAD IGNORED AN ORDER TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO DISMISSAL JAN. 8 ON ECONOMY GROUNDS. CLARK DECLARED HE WAS BEING EASED OUT BECAUSE HE HAD CRITICIZED HIGH COMMISSION POLICIES.

THOUGH ASSOCIATE JUSTICE C.W. FULGHUM OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO., WAS NAMED TO SUCCEED HIM, CLARK HELD A SESSION IN FRANKFURT ON HIS OWN DEC. 14.

THEN HE WENT TO SPAIN AND ON TO THE CANARY ISLANDS WITH HIS WIFE, FORMER NEWS CORRESPONDENT SONIA TAMARA, FOR A VACATION. WHILE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS, A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIAL LIFTED HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND GAVE HIM ONE ALLOWING ONLY TRAVEL TO PARIS AND BACK HOME TO THE UNITED STATES.

REMAINING IN PARIS TEMPORARILY, MRS. CLARK WILL GO TO GERMANY SATURDAY TO WIND UP HIS AFFAIRS.

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(230)

PARIS, DEC. 31 (AP)-WILLIAM CLARK, OUSTED CHIEF JUSTICE OF U.S. COURTS IN GERMANY, LEFT FOR HOME TODAY. HE ACCUSED AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN GERMANY--WHO CHANGED THE COMBINATION OF THE SAFE IN HIS FARNKFURT OFFICE--OF "GESTAPO METHODS."

CLARK'S LATEST ANGRY BLAST WAS IN A TELEGRAM TO U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER JAMES B.CONANT AT BONN. THE JUDGE DISPATCHED IT JUST BEFORE BOARDING A TRAIN FOR CHERBOURG TO CATCH THE BRITISH LINER QUEEN MARY FOR NEW YORK.

THE WIRE SAID:

"UNDERSTAND MY PERSONAL AND OFFICE FILES WERE TAMPERED WITH BY YOUR OFFICE. SHOCKED AT USE OF SUCH GESTAPO METHODS."

IN BONN, A U.S. HIGH COMMISSION SPOKESMAN SAID CONSULATE AUTHORITIES IN FRANKFURT CHANGED THE COMBINATION OF THE SAFE IN CLARK'S OFFICE TO PROTECT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. THE SPOKESMAN DENIED CLARK'S TELEGRAPHIC CHARGE HIS PAPERS HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH. HE SAID THE HIGH COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SAFE AND CLARK'S FILES SENT TO WASHINGTON TO BE SCREENED IN CLARK'S PRESENCE SO THE JURIST COULD CLAIM ANY PERSONAL DOCUMENTS.

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CLARK, OF PRINCETON, N.J., WAS SUSPENDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH AFTER IGNORING AN ORDER TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO DISMISSAL. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID HE WAS NO LONGER NEEDED. CLARK CHARGED HE WAS BEING FORCED OUT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF HIGH COMMISSION POLICIES.

MRS.CLARK, FORMER NEWS CORRESPONDENT SONIA TAMARA, STAYED IN PARIS AND WILL GO TO GERMANY SATURDAY TO WIND UP HIS AFFAIRS.

CLARK HAD TO RETURN HOME, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE STATE DEPARMENT RECALLED HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WHILE HE WAS VACATIONING IN THE CANARY ISLANDS AND GAVE HIM ONE ALLOWING ONLY TRAVEL TO PARIS AND BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, DEC. 31 (AP)-A THREE-ACT PLAY ABOUT JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG, CALLED "LOYALTY," HAS OPENED IN A BUDAPEST THEATER. THE ROSENBERG COUPLE, EXECUTED IN THE UNITED STATES AS ATOMIC SPIES, ARE PRESENTED AS HEROES IN THE PLAY BY MIKLOS GYARFAS.

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(ADVANCE FOR USE AT 6 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME TODAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 31)

(ADVANCE) BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-PRESIDENT MARSHAL TITO CONTENDED TODAY THE WORLD ENTERS THE NEW YEAR WITH THE BRIGHTEST PROSPECTS FOR PEACE SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

HE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION IN A BRIEF MIDNIGHT BROADCAST IN WHICH HE PLEDGED YUGOSLAVIA TO "WORK STUBBORNLY X X X FOR THE VICTORY OF PEACE."

"ON THE HORIZON APPEAR MORE AND MORE RAYS OF LIGHT X X X BREAKING THROUGH GIANT CLOUDS HANGING OVER HUMANITY," HE SAID.

"THE VICTORY OF PEACE OVER THE WAR DANGER BEFORE WHICH THE ENTIRE PEACE-LOVING WORLD QUIVERED IN POSTWAR YEARS IS IN LESS QUESTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

TITO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS "NOT AN EXAGGERATED OPTIMIST."

ON INTERIOR QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT 1954 WILL SEE REALIZATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA OF "A HAPPIER FUTURE."

IN REPLY TO AN INVITATION FROM RADIO TOKYO, TITO BROADCAST HIS GOOD WISHES TO JAPAN. HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA WANTS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH JAPAN.

(END ADVANCE FOR USE AT 6 P.M. EST TODAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 31).

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ROME, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE FREE ALBANIAN COMMITTEE IN ROME SAID TODAY AN UNSUCCESSFUL COUP D'ETAT AGAINST ALBANIA'S COMMUNIST REGIME HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY THE COMMUNIST TIRANA RADIO.

A MEMBER OF THE FREE COMMITTEE SAID THAT A BROADCAST HEARD YESTERDAY FROM THE ALBANIAN CAPITAL SAID AN ATTEMPT AT ARMED INSURRECTION WAS RECENTLY UNEARTHED BY POLICE IN THE SMALL AND ISOLATED SOVIET ADRIATIC SATELLITE.

TIRANA RADIO CLAIMED THAT THE INSURRECTION WAS PLANNED WITH THE HELP OF "SPIES AND AGENTS INTRODUCED INTO ALBANIA BY AMERICAN INFORMATION SERVICES," THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE FREE ALBANIAN COMMITTEE IS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST REFUGEE ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN ROME.

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MOSCOW, DEC.31 (AP)-PRAVDA, COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, CHARGED TODAY THAT THE THREE BIG WESTERN POWERS, TOGETHER WITH THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, WERE GANGING UP ON THE SOVIET UNION IN ADVANCE OF THE FOUR-POWER FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN. PRAVDA SAID THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO SABOTAGE THE TALKS.

THE SAME CHARGE WAS MADE WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, FRENCH PREMIER LANIEL AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL GOT TOGETHER AT BERMUDA AND BEFORE RUSSIA HAD ASKED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE DELAYED FROM JAN.4 TO JAN.25.

BUT THIS TIME, PRAVDA INCLUDED BONN IN THE CHARGES. THE NEWSPAPER SAID WESTERN DIPLOMATIC EXPERTS, WHO HAVE BEEN MEETING IN PARIS TO AGREE UPON THE WESTERN REPLY TO RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS ON A DATE, SOUGHT TO WORK OUT A COMMON PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE BERLIN CONFERENCE.

"BOURGEOIS PAPERS DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO HIDE THAT A 'PROGRAM OF ACTION' WAS WORKED OUT WHICH NOT ONLY WOULD NOT FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT AT BERLIN BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, COULD LEAD TO BREAKING UP THE NEGOTIATIONS," SAID PRAVDA.

PRAVDA SAID PROF.WILHELM GREWE, CHIEF OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE BONN FOREIGN OFFICE, HAD "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED" IN THE PARIS TALKS, AND ADDED, "HE WAS A RIBBENTROP ASSOCIATE IN HITLERITE GERMANY." GREWE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT GERMANY AT THE BERLIN PARLEY, TOO.

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FIRST LEAD MALENKOV

BY RICHARD KASISCHKE

MOSCOW, FRIDAY, JAN. 1 (AP)-SOVIET PREMIER MALENKOV, IN A NEW YEAR'S ANSWER TO A NEWSMAN'S QUESTIONNAIRE, SAID TODAY HE COULD DISCERN NO REAL OBSTACLES TO A BETTER UNITED STATES-SOVIET UNDERSTANDING.

HE DECLARED A BAN ON USING ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD BE THE BIGGEST STEP TOWARD PEACE THAT COULD BE TAKEN IN 1954 AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION ALSO WANTED A "CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION" IN ALL TYPES OF ARMAMENTS AND ARMED FORCES.

HE MADE THE STATEMENTS IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM KINGSBURY SMITH OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

SMITH, EUROPEAN GENERAL MANAGER OF INS, SENT THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE RUSSIAN PREMIER AND OTHER WORLD POLITICAL LEADERS. MALENKOV'S ANSWERS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE SOVIET UNION EARLY TODAY BY THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TASS, AND WERE BROADCAST BY THE MOSCOW RADIO.

THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS PUBLISHED BY TASS:

FIRST QUESTION: "WHAT ARE YOUR WISHES FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR 1954?"

ANSWER: "FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAPPINESS AND A PEACEFUL LIFE. I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL PEOPLES, AND FORCEFUL RESULTS IN THE NOBLE CAUSE OF THE DEFENSE OF PEACE AGAINST ALL ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE IT.

SECOND QUESTION: "DO YOU HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BE MARKED BY STRENGTHENING OF THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA AND RUSSIA?"

ANSWER: "FIRST OF ALL IT IS NECESSARY TO DESIRE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I CONSIDER THAT THERE ARE NO

INTRINSIC BARRIERS PREVENTING THAT IN THE NEW YEAR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOW BE IMPROVED AND THAT TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE STRENGTHENED AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE SO."

THIRD QUESTION: "HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE AND LESSENING INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN 1954?"

THE ANSWER: "ALL PEOPLES ARE EAGER FOR LASTING PEACE AND THERE ARE FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER WEAKEN INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN 1954. GOVERNMENTS, PRIMARILY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE GREAT POWERS, CANNOT FAIL TO HEED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLES AND RECKON WITH THEIR GROWING DESIRE FOR THE LASTING PEACE URGED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS DONE AND IS DOING AND SHALL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING TOWARDS ENABLING THE PEOPLE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND TOWARDS RELAXING INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND TOWARDS ESTABLISHING NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES."

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LAST QUESTION: "WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP WHICH COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN 1954?"

ANSWER: "SUCH A STEP WOULD BE THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES UNDER THE FORM OF WHICH PARTICIPANTS IN THE AGREEMENT WOULD TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE SOLEMN AND UNCONDITIONAL OBLIGATION NOT TO EMPLOY ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

"SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD FACILITATE THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT OF THE COMPLETE BANNING OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AND OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE BANNING OF EMPLIYMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

"AT THE SAME TIME THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION OF ALL OTHER TYPES OF ARMAMENTS AND OF ARMED FORCES.

"ALL THIS UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD DECREASE EXPENDITURES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AND WOULD IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD."

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THERE WAS NO FORMAL COMMENT FROM THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON ON MALENKOV'S ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BUT U.S. DIPLOMATS SUGGESTED INFORMALLY IF MALENKOV IS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HE WILL HAVE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

SPECIFICALLY THEY CITED THE FORTHCOMING FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT BERLIN, THE PROSPECTIVE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND THE EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE IN WHICH THE RUSSIANS OBVIOUSLY HAVE GREAT INTEREST EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS HAVE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

MALENKOV'S WORDS APPEARED TO BE IN LINE WITH RECENT SOVIET POLICY STATEMENTS AND TO OPEN UP NO NEW APPROACHES TO NEGOTIATION OR TALKS ON SPECIFIC EAST-WEST ISSUES. IT SEEMS CLEARLY TO BE FROM THE SOVIET VIEW POINT ONE MORE MANEUVER IN RUSSIA'S DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO EASE OFF SOME OF THE TENSIONS OF THE COLD WAR PROBABLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SLOWING DOWN WESTERN DEFENSE MEASURES AND TRYING TO INCREASE WESTERN TRADE WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

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MADRID, SPAIN, DEC. 31 (AP)-GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO TODAY WARNED THE WEST IT IS FAILING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "DEEP CRISIS" GRIPPING SOVIET RUSSIA.

IN HIS ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE BROADCAST FRANCO SAID "IT IS STRANGE THE WEST DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE FAVORABLE SITUATION PRESENTED BY THE DEATH OF STALIN AND THE SUBSEQUENT ELIMINATION OF THE POWERFUL MINISTER OF SOVIET TERROR (POLICE BOSS LAVRENTY BERIA)."

THE DEATHS OF STALIN AND BERIA, HE DECLARED, "CREATED A DEEP CRISIS IN THE MUSCOVITE ADMINISTRATION FROM WHICH IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO RECOVER."

"THE FORCE OF COMMUNISM HAS BEEN TREMENDOUSLY WEAKENED AND COMPELS THE SOVIETS TO A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT," THE SPANISH CHIEF OF STATE DECLARED. "THAT POLICY OFFERS THEM TIME TO SOLVE THEIR CRISIS," IF THEY CAN AVOID A UNITED FRONT IN THE WEST.

REFERRING TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, FRANCO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "THE OUTSTANDING GENERL AT THE HEAD OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATION OF THE WEST X X X WOULD SHOW THE WAY TO WINNING THE BATTLES OF PEACE."

HE ADDED THAT SUCH A LEADER WOULD NOT PERMIT DISUNITY IN THE COLD WAR WHICH IS "A PRELUDE TO THE HOT WAR."

FRANCO DECLARED RUSSIA HAD CREATED A GRAVE SUPPLY PROBLEM BY SWALLOWING UP SO MANY EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS. THE PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, HE ADDED.

IN AN APARENT REFERENCE TO EAST-WEST TRADING, FRANCO WARNED THE WEST TO BEWARE OF "EGOTISTICAL INTEREST" IN SELLING EXCESS PRODUCTION, LEST COMMUNISM BECOME STRONGER.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD INCREASE ITS PRESTIGE BY BUILDING UP CREDITS IN THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE IRON CURTAIN. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF OVER-PRODUCTION IN MANY WESTERN LANDS.

FRANCO HAILED "SPAIN'S RETURN TO ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS" AND SAID THIS HAD BEEN EVIDENCED BY HER SIGNING OF PACTS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE VATICAN.

AT THE SAME TIME HE CAUTIONED SPANIARDS THAT THEIR COUNTRY'S IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND THE FAR-REACHING MODERN MEANS OF AGGRESSION MIGHT TURN SPAIN INTO A FAVORITE BATTLEGROUND FOR FUTURE AGGRESSORS.

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ISTANBUL, TURKEY, DEC. 31 (AP)-EIGHTY-ONE ALLEGED COMMUNIST PLOTTERS CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT JAIL SENTENCES AT THE END OF THEIR TRIAL. THE GOVERNMENT FREED THEM YESTERDAY BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE SERVED MORE TIME THAN THE MAXIMUM SENTENCES ASKED.

SOME HAD BEEN HELD MORE THAN TWO YEARS. THEIR MASS HEARING, BEFORE A MILITARY COURT ON CHARGES OF TRYING TO OVERTHORW THE GOVERNMENT OPENED OCT. 15. THERE IS NO INDICATION WHEN IT WILL END.

EIGHTY-SIX OTHER DEFENDANTS STILL ARE BEING HELD. AND THE TRIAL OF ALL 167 WILL CONTINUE.

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NIGHT LEAD INDOCHINA
BY LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE FRENCH HIGH COMMAND--PREDICTING A SURGE IN 1954 TOWARD FINAL VICTORY OVER THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH--ANNOUNCED TODAY A MINOR SUCCESS IN THE CAMPAIGNING NEAR DIEN BIEN PHU AND A MINOR DEFEAT IN THE RED RIVER DELTA.

A COMMUNIQUE SAID FRENCH GROUND UNITS, BACKED BY WAR PLANES AND MOBILE ARTILLERY, FANNED OUT FROM ENTRENCHMENTS ON THE FORTIFIED PLAIN OF DIEN BIEN PHU--NEAR THE LAOTIAN BORDER 180 MILES WEST OF HANOI--AND ROUTED A BATTALION OF THE REBELS' "IRON" DIVISION, NO. 316, IN AN HOUR-LONG FIGHT THAT LEFT 54 VIETMINH DEAD. FRENCH LOSSES WERE REPORTED LIGHT IN THE ACTION, STAGED FOUR MILES SOUTH OF THE TOWN.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE, THE FRENCH ADMITTED ONE OF THEIR PATROLS WAS AMBUSHED BY THE REBELS IN THE DELTA 55 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI, WITH "APPRECIABLE" FRENCH LOSSES.

BUT REPORTS OF STEPPED UP FRENCH ACTIVITY CAME FROM ALL QUARTERS. ELSEWHERE IN THE DELTA, THE FRENCH-HELD WEDGE REGARDED AS THE KEY BASTION OF INDOCHINA, FRENCH UNION TROOPS CONTINUED TO MOP UP INFILTRATORS. THEY REPORTED KILLING 30 OF THE REBELS AND CAPTURING

45.
IN CENTRAL LAOS, FRENCH PATROLS MADE THEIR FIRST CONTACT IN FIVE DAYS WITH TROOPS OF THE VIETMINH DIVISION WHICH SURGED LAST WEEK FROM VIET NAM BASES WESTWARD TO THE MEKONG RIVER FRONTIER OF THAILAND AT THAKHEK. THE FRENCH SAID SIX OF THE REBELS WERE KILLED IN TWO CLASHES. MINES KILLED TWO OF THE FRENCH PATROLS' LAOTIAN GUIDES.
FRENCH PLANES RANGED UP AND DOWN INDOCHINA, STRAFING AND FIRE-BOMBING VIETMINH SUPPLY BASES.
GEN. RENE COGNY, FRENCH COMMANDER IN NORTHERN INDOCHINA, PREDICTED THE MOMENT WAS NEAR WHEN THE FRENCH UNION FORCE COULD DELIVER BLOWS FROM WHICH THE VIETMINH WOULD NOT RECOVER.
"THE ENEMY IS WORRIED AND SPEAKS OF NEGOTIATIONS," COGNY SAID, REFERRING TO REPEATED PEACE OVERTURES BY VIETMINH CHIEF HO CHI MINH BROADCAST OVER THE REBEL RADIO. "WE ARE HERE TO WIN."
COGNY DECLARED THE FRENCH STRIKING FORCE WAS BEING STEADILY STEPPED UP WITH THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS FROM FRANCE AND WITH GROWING SUPPORT FROM THE VIETNAMESE ARMY.
IN SAIGON, MEANWHILE, MAURICE DE JEAN, FRENCH COMMISSIONER GENERAL IN INDOCHINA, ISSUED A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE PREDICTING VICTORY.

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EXHORTING FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE FORCES TO BE OF STOUT HEART, DE JEAN SAID "DESPITE ABUSES, SABOTEURS, FALSE PROPHETS AND SKEPTICS, INDOCHINA WILL BE SAVED."
HE DECLARED THAT, DESPITE REVERSES, "THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION IS EXCELLENT" IN INDOCHINA.
THE REBEL MOVEMENTS NEAR DIEN BIEN PHU INDICATED THAT THE VIETMINH LUNGE ACROSS LAOS WAS A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC DESIGNED TO LURE FRENCH FORCES AWAY FROM THE PRIME TARGET OF THE REDS' WINTER OFFENSIVE.
THE AIRLIFT-SUPPLIED GARRISON IS A CHALLENGE TO COMMUNIST AMBITIONS SOUTHWARD. THE REGION IS BOTH A RICE BOWL OF THE MOUNTAINOUS THAI TRIBAL COUNTRY AND A GATEWAY TO LAOS.
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INDOCHINA (250)
BY LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, INDOCHINA, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE FRENCH TODAY REPORTED THEIR FIRST SIZEABLE CLASH WITH THE COMMUNIST-LED VIETMINH AT DIEN BIEN PHU--THE LAST MAJOR FRENCH POSITION IN NORTHWEST INDOCHINA AND PERHAPS THE FIRST OBJECTIVE OF THE WINTER REBEL CAMPAIGN.
THE FRENCH SAID PATROLS MOVING OUT FROM THEIR HEAVILY FORTIFIED POSITION ON THE PLAIN JUST NORTH OF LAOS FOUGHT FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR WITH REBEL UNITS THEY ENCOUNTERED. THE FRENCH CLAIMED 54 VIETMINH DEAD AND SAID THEIR OWN LOSSES WERE LIGHT.
MOBILE ARTILLERY AND FIGHTER PLANES FINALLY FORCED THE VIETMINH TO RETREAT, THE FRENCH SAID.
THE VIETMINH YESTERDAY WERE REPORTED ACTIVE CLOSE TO DIEN BIEN PHU FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FRENCH PARATROOPERS GRABBED THE POST AND ITS AIRSTRIP FIVE WEEKS AGO. SINCE THEN THE FRENCH HAVE POURED MEN AND ARMS INTO IT.
NEWS OF THE VIETMINH ACTIVITY THERE AROUSED SPECULATION THAT IT WAS THE REBELS' FIRST MAJOR TARGET AND THAT THEIR DASH ACROSS CENTRAL LAOS TO THE MEKONG RIVER LAST WEEK WAS A DIVERSION TO DRAW OFF FRENCH FORCES.
FRENCH PLANES MEANWHILE KEPT UP HEAVY STRAFING AND NAPALM BOMBING OF VIETMINH TROOPS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN INDOCHINA, BUT THERE WAS NO WORD OF OTHER ACTIVITY IN LAOS.
IN THE VITAL RED RIVER DELTA, THE FRENCH-HELD BASTION AROUND HANOI, THE FRENCH CONTINUED THEIR MOPUP DRIVE AND REPORTED KILLING 30 REBELS AND CAPTURING 45.
THE FRENCH ADMITTED, TOO, THAT ONE OF THEIR PATROLS FELL INTO A BIG VIETMINH AMBUSH 55 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI AND SUFFERED "APPRECIABLE LOSSES."

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IN SAIGON, THE HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCED THAT FRENCH UNION FORCES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE DAYS HAD CLASHED WITH REBEL UNITS ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER FRONTIER WITH THAILAND.
PATROLS KILLED SIX VIETMINH IN TWO SKIRMISHES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID. TWO LAOTIAN GUIDES FOR THE FRENCH WERE KILLED BY MINES. FRENCH FIGHTER AND BOMBER PLANES ALSO ATTACKED VIETMINH CAMPS IN THE AREA.
THE FRENCH ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SEVEN PRISONERS RELEASED BY THE VIETMINH HAVE REACHED FRENCH LINES SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL VIET NAM. A REBEL PRE-CHRISTMAS BROADCAST SAID THE VIETMINH WOULD RELEASE 297 PRISONERS.
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VANCOUVER, B.C., DEC 31 (AP)-FOUR YEARS AND FOUR COUNTRIES AWAY FROM THE IRON CURTAIN, RICHARD NOWALINSKI FACES A BLEAK AND LONELY NEW YEAR BEHIND BARS IN A STRANGE LAND.
THE 29-YEAR-OLD SEAMAN ESCAPED FROM HIS POLISH HOMELAND AFTER BEING JAILED BY RUSSIAN AND POLISH COMMUNISTS.
FOUR COUNTRIES HAVE REFUSED HIM ADMISSION, AND HE HAS BEEN A PRISONER IN AN IMMIGRATION HALL CELL HERE FOR FOUR MONTHS.
HE HAS NO PASSPORT AND CANNOT MAKE A LEGAL LANDING IN ANY COUNTRY.
NOWALINSKI JUMPED SHIP IN VICTORIA WHEN HE LEARNED IT WAS BOUND FOR A SIBERIAN PORT. HE HAS BEEN A PRISONER OF IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN SWEDEN, NORWAY AND EGYPT.
EACH TIME HE DESERTED HIS SHIP WHEN HE LEARNED THE NEXT PORT OF CALL WOULD BE RED TERRITORY.
HE WAS AN ENGINEER ON THE SWEDISH FREIGHTER NORDPOL WHEN HE DESERTED IN VICTORIA. NOW HE IS HELD FOR DEPORTATION, AWAITING THE RETURN OF THE NORDPOL. IT MAY BE A LONG WAIT.
"I WOULD RATHER BE IN A REAL JAIL," NOWALINSKI TOLD MRS. WILLIAM ROGERS, A VOLUNTEER IMMIGRATION WORKER, WHO SOUGHT HIS RELEASE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY. A PROMINENT VICTORIA MAN OFFERED TO POST A $50,000 BOND, BUT PERMISSION WAS REFUSED.
MRS. ROGERS AND A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HAVE SOUGHT PERMISSION FOR NOWALINSKI TO STAY IN CANADA.
THE IMMIGRATION MINISTER REJECTED ALL APPEALS, AND HAS CONFIRMED THE DEPORATION ORDER.
"I AM A POLITICAL REFUGEE FROM THE COMMUNISTS," HE SAYS. "I WANT A NEW HOME. NOBODY WANTS TO HELP ME."
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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 31 (AP)-U.N. TECHNICAL AID OFFICIALS PLAN TO SAVE ALMOST $600,000 DOLLARS ON PAPER AND OFFICE WORK IN THE NEW YEAR. THEY WILL DIVERT THE MONEY TO PROJECTS FOR BACKWARD COUNTRIES.
OFFICE COSTS FOR 1954, OFFICIALS SAID TODAY, ARE TO BE CUT TO $3,609,200, DOWN A SIXTH FROM 1953.
THE SAVING, $597,070, COME MAINLY FROM REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL IN THE SEVEN AGENCIES THAT CARRY OUT THE AID PROGRAM.
THE MONEY WILL GO FOR EXPERT ADVICE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMICALLY UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES--THE REAL OBJECT OF THE PROGRAM.
THE ECONOMY PLAN COMES JUST BEFORE A NEW SESSION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE ASKED TO APPROPRIATE MORE THAN HALF THE $25.300.000 NEEDED FOR THE 1954 PROGRAM. SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL

APPROVAL, THE UNITED STATES HAS PLEDGED ITSELF TO PAY UP TO $14,750,000.
THE SEVEN AGENCIES THROUGH WHICH THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED ARE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD (TAB), THE U.N. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA, INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO), FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO), U.N. EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AND WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO).
NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM CALLS FOR MORE THAN 800 PROJECTS IN 72 COUNTRIES TO COST $22,200,000. ANY BALANCE WILL BE HELD IN RESERVE.
THE 1953 PROGRAM CALLED FOR SPENDING 23 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS. OF THAT, $22,900,000 WAS SPENT. BEFORE THAT, IN THE FIRST 18 MONTHS OF THE TECHNICAL AID PROGRAM, THE EXPENDITURE WAS $6,400,000.
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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC 31 (AP)-HOPES OF 11 DISCHARGED AMERICAN EMPLOYES OF THE U.N. TO COLLECT MORE THAN $180,000 IN DISMISSAL AWARDS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED UNTIL NEXT MAY AT LEAST, A U.N. SOURCE SAID TODAY.
THE WORLD COURT AT THE HAGUE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RULE ON THE DISPUTED AWARDS BEFORE THEN, THE SOURCE SAID. IT COULD DECIDE THEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE CASE AT ALL.
THE UNITED STATES OPPOSED PAYING ANY MONEY TO THE FORMER EMPLOYES, DISCHARGED AFTER U.S. LOYALTY QUESTIONING. MOST OF THEM TOOK REFUGE IN THE U.S. FIFTH AMENDMENT, REFUSING TO TESTIFY BECAUSE THEY MIGHT INCRIMINATE THEMSELVES.
A U.N. ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ORDERED THE EMPLOYES REINSTATED ON THE GROUND THAT USING THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CLASSIFIED AS MISCONDUCT UNDER U.N. RULES. AFTER U.N. EXECUTIVES REFUSED TO REINSTATE THEM, CASH AWARDS WERE SET BY THE TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER EMPLOYES.
THE RECENT U.N. ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO ASK THE WORLD COURT IF IT HAD THE POWER TO OVERRULE THE TRIBUNAL ON THE AWARDS. THE UNITED STATES CLAIMED THE ASSEMBLY HAS THAT POWER BUT DID NOT STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MOVE SENDING THE QUESTION TO THE COURT.
SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD HAS SENT THE PRELIMINARY PAPERS TO THE COURT, AND EXPECTS TO HAVE THE COMPLETE RECORDS IN ITS HANDS BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH. BUT THE COURT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BEGIN ANY CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEXT MAY, IT WAS LEARNED HERE.
MEANWHILE, JACOB MARK LASHLY, ST. LOUIS LAWYER, BECOMES ELIGIBLE TOMORROW FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, A REVIEW BODY FOR DISCHARGED U.N. EMPLOYES. NO MEETINGS OF THE TRIBUNAL ARE SCHEDULED, HOWEVER. MRS. PAUL BASTID, A FRENCH LAWYER, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SEVEN MEMBER TRIBUNAL. THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS GENERALLY SIT AT HEARINGS ON EMPLOYE APPEALS.
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B18 (150)
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., DEC. 31 (AP)-THE UNITED NATIONS DISCLOSED TODAY THAT INDIA HAS BARRED A NEHRU CRITIC TO PREVENT HIM CONTINUING IN HIS POST ON A U.N. SUBCOMMISSION DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATION AND MINORITIES.
HE IS M. R. MASANI, MEMBER OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT AND FORMER INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL.
MASANI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE 12-NATION SUBCOMMISSION FOR TWO YEARS. LAST MAY HE WAS RE-ELECTED BY THE PARENT BODY, THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM DUE TO BEGIN TOMORROW.
A NOTE BY SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD DISCLOSED THAT INDIA BARRED MASANI LAST JULY. THE FACT WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC THEN. THE GOVERNMENTS OF WHICH SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS ARE NATIONALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD THEIR CONSENT EVEN THOUGH THE COMMISSION HAS ELECTED THE MEMBERS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL.
HAMMARSKJOLD'S NOTE GAVE NO REASON FOR THE INDIAN ACTION BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE RECALLED MASANI HAD VOICED OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF POLICIES OF INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU DURING THE LAST YEAR.
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ADVANCE FOR PMS OF THURSDAY DEC. 31
FOURTH OF RYAN SERIES (550)
(EDITOR'S NOTE--THIS IS THE FOURTH OF A SERIES OF UNCENSORED AND REVEALING STORIES BY WILLIAM L.RYAN, A RUSSIAN-SPEAKING SPECIALIST WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THREE MONTHS IN THE SOVIET UNION. A FIFTH ARTICLE, SUMMING UP HIS IMPRESSIONS, WILL APPEAR SATURDAY).
BY WILLIAM L.RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST SOVIET COMMUNISTS HAVE A READY EXPLANATION FOR ALMOST ANYTHING.
ARE WOMEN DOING THE HEAVIEST OF TOIL? IT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE "EQUAL RIGHTS."
ARE A SURPRISING NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING TO THE CHURCHES? ONLY OLD PEOPLE REALLY ATTEND ANY MORE, AND BESIDES THERE IS "FREEDOM OF RELIGION."
BUT FOR THE MANY BEGGARS SEEN IN THE CAPITALS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THERE IS A UNIQUE EXPLANATION. THEY ARE ALL "PROFESSIONALS."
SOME OF THESE "PROFESSIONAL" BEGGARS LOOKED MISERABLE. A YOUNG MOTHER IN STALINABAD, CAPITAL OF THE TADJIK REPUBLIC, SAT ON A CURB, NURSING HER BABY. THERE WAS AGONY IN HER FACE AS SHE CRIED FOR ALMS.
ANOTHER YOUNG MOTHER--SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 19--SAT ON A LANDING IN THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE ON LENIN STREET IN KIEV, CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE. SHE, TOO, CLUTCHED HER BABY IN HER AMRS AND BEGGED FOR KOPEKS. MOST OF THE CROWD OF SHOPPERS PASSED HER BY WITHOUT A GLANCE.
A WALKED EXTENSIVELY THROUGH A HALF DOZEN SOVIET CITIES AND FOUND MANY BEGGARS OF ALL AGES. I ASKED ABOUT THEM AND EACH TIME WAS TOLD THEY WERE PROFESSIONALS. OFTEN THAT SEEMED QUITE POSSIBLE. SINCE THEY WERE CONGREGATED NEAR THE FEW CHURCHES STILL IN OPERATION, SINCE HATS ON THE GROUND BES

WERE CONGREGATED NEAR THE FEW CHURCHES STILL IN OPERATION, THEIR HATS ON THE GROUND BESIDE THEM, SEEMING QUITE SURE THAT THE CHURCH'S LAWS OF CHARITY WOULD WORK IN THEIR FAVOR.
BUT MANY OF THE BEGGARS ARE THE HALT, THE BLIND, THE INFIRM AND THE AGED. THEY GATHER PITIFULLY FEW KOPEKS FROM PASSING CROWDS, EVEN NEAR THE CHURCHES.
IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY ACCURATE INFORMATION ON WHY THESE PEOPLE DO THIS IN A SOCIETY WHICH CLAIMS TO HAVE OUTLAWED POVERTY. BEGGARS IN MOSCOW OFTEN LIVE IN STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS AND TRY TO FIND SHELTER AT TIMES IN THE METRO (SUBWAY) STATIONS. POLICE FREQUENTLY ARE SEEN TURNING THEM OUT IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE MORNING. SOME LIVE IN CELLARS NEAR OR UNDER A CHURCH, OR IN TUMBLEDOWN SHACKS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

I FOUND BEGGARS IN EVERY CITY I VISITED. IN ALMA ATA, THE SNOWBOUND CAPITAL OF KAZAKHSTAN, MANY CONGREGATED AT THE END OF KALININ STREET NEAR THE STILL-OPERATING RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.
IN TASHKENT, CAPITAL OF THE UZBEK REPUBLIC, SOME OF THE CRIPPLED BEGGARS ON LENIN STREET HAD HOME-MADE MEANS OF LOCOMOTION SUCH AS BOARDS ON WHEELS. I COUNTED 10 BEGGARS ONE AFTERNOON IN A SINGLE HALF HOUR'S WALK ALONG PUSHKIN STREET, WHERE THERE ARE MANY NEW APARTMENTS OF THE SWANKER MIDDLE CLASS SET. I SAW BEGGARS INPAIRS, WORKING TOGETHER. I SAW ONE ANCIENT, BEARDED MAN HOLDING A LITTLE GIRL IN HIS ARMS, APPARENTLY AS A DECOY, SHOUTING FOR HELP FOR HER. THE CHILD LOOKED HALF STARVED.

IN TBILISI, CAPITAL OF GEORGIA, A LARGE NUMBER OF BEGGARS CONGREGATED AT A BIG GEORGIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH JUST OFF THE MAIN STREET. IN KIEV, CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE, BEGGARS, MEN AND WOMEN, SWARMED ABOUT THE ENTRACE TO ANDREEVSKY CATHEDRAL, STILL IN OPERATION AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP. THE HAUNTED THE LAVRA, THE ANCIENT UKRAINIAN SEMINARY IN THE HEART OF KIEV. I SAW TOTTERING OLD BEGGARS ALONG SHEVCHENKO STREET AND LENIN STREET, TWO OF KIEV'S MAIN THOROFARES.

IN MOSCOW THERE ARE BEGGARS TO BE FOUND IN MANY PLACES, BUT ONCE AGAIN PARTICULARLY AROUND PLACES OF WORSHIP. THEY SWARM ABOUT THE MAIN JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, ONE OF FOUR SAID STILL TO BE IN OPERATION, AND ABOUT THE 50 OR SO CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL.

COMMUNISTS INSIST ALL THIS REPRESENTS ONLY THE REMNANTS OF THE CZARIST REGIME--WHICH DIED AWAY 36 YEARS AGO. THE CHURCHES, TOO, ARE PLACED IN THAT CATEGORY.

RUSSIANS SAY THERE ARE 55 ORTHODOX CHURCHES IN MOSCOW TODAY. THIS WOULD MEAN, ON THE BASIS OF PROBABLE POPULATION, ABOUT ONE CHURCH FOR EVERY 125,000 PERSONS.

THE CHURCHES INVARIABLY ARE OVERCROWDED ON CHURCH HOLIDAYS. THERE ARE FAIRLY LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, MIDDLE-AGED AND WELL DRESSED PEOPLE AND EVEN ARMY OFFICERS AT THE SERVICES. THIS HELD TRUE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES. BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT IN THE MAIN, THOSE WHO ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE OLD PEOPLE AND WOMEN. IF THERE ARE CHILDREN PRESENT, IT IS BECAUSE THE WOMEN BROUGHT THEM.

THERE ARE NO YOUNG PEOPLE AT ALL TO BE FOUND IN WHAT CHURCHES REMAIN FOR SECTS OTHER THAN THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX. THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE SHADOW OF LUBIANKA PRISON IN MOSCOW, HAS ONLY OLD MEN AND WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES CONDUCTED BY A LITHUANIAN PRIEST.

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ADVANCE FOR AMS OF FRIDAY, JAN. 1 -- NOTE DATE
NO. 5 IN RYAN SERIES FOR AMS

(EDITOR'S NOTE--AN AMERICAN IN THE SOVIET UNION HEARS ALL SORTS OF STORIES ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. THEY ARE THE FRUIT OF A DIN ON NEVER-CEASING PROPAGANDA. IN THIS FIFTH OF HIS SERIES OF ARTICLES, WILLIAM L. RYAN TELLS OF THE PROPAGANDA--AND OF THE QUESTIONS RUSSIANS PROPOUNDED TO HIM).

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BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP FOREIGN NEWS ANALYST

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LOUDSPEAKERS CONSTANTLY BLAST PROPAGANDA INTO THE STREETS OF THE SOVIET REPUBLICS' CAPITALS.

NOBODY SEEMS TO BE PAYING THE SLIGHTEST ATTENTION. IT IS AS IF THE PEOPLE HAD AN IMMUNITY TO THE FRETFUL NAGGING VOICES WHICH NEVER SEEM TO TIRE OF SAYING THE SAME THINGS.

AGED WOMEN SWEEP AWAY ENDLESSLY AT THE STREETS, UTTERLY OBLIVIOUS TO THE LOUDSPEAKERS ABOVE THEM LAYING DOWN THE PRINCIPLES OF "SOCIALIST COMPETITION."

ON STALIN STREET IN TASHKENT, CAPITAL OF THE UZBEK S.R.R., A LOUDSPEAKER ABOVE A MOVIE THEATER BLASTS A LECTURE AT A SUNDAY CROWD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TASKS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. BUT THE CITY JUST MOVES ALONG WITH THE ODD SORT OF SHUFFLING NOISE WHICH MARKS MANY AN EASTERN CITY.

AN EVENING CROWD LEAVES THE OPERA IN KIEV, CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE, FULL OF THE MEMORY OF RICH UKRAINIAN VOICES, AND HEADS DIRECTLY INTO THE DIN OF LOUDSPEAKERS ABOVE THE BIG SQUARE, CRYING OUT THE LATEST ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA IN THE FORM OF A NEWS BROADCAST. IT GETS NO APPARENT ATTENTION.

EVERYWHERE ONE TURNS IN THE SOVIET UNION, THERE IS PROPAGANDA. IT

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ASSAULTS BOTH EYES AND EARS. THE DREARY SAMENESS OF ITS TONE ACCENTUATES THE SENSE OF DRABNESS AND MONOTONY.

FREQUENTLY PROPAGANDA GOES IN FOR SPECIALIZATION. IN CENTRAL ASIA, WHERE THE COMMUNISTS MUST DIRECT THEIR PROPAGANDA TO SOVIET MINORITY POPULATIONS, THE AMERICAN NEGRO SINGER PAUL ROBESON HAS BEEN BUILT UP TO HERO PROPORTIONS. A BIG PORTRAIT OF HIM RANKED FIRST IN A DISPLAY OF PICTURES OF STALIN PRIZE WINNERS ALONG THE STREETS OF ALMA ATA, CAPITAL OF THE KAZAKH REPUBLIC. THE DISPLAY WAS IN HONOR OF THE NOV. 7 REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY. THE PICTURE ALSO WAS IN EVIDENCE IN NEIGHBORING UZBEKSTAN.

GOING THE ROUNDS OF ALL THE SOVIET REPUBLICS IS THE VIOLENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN MOTION PICTURE, "SILVER DUST." THIS, TOO, PLAYS UP THE THEME OF AMERICAN PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES. THE FILM IS A FANTASTIC STORY ABOUT THE INVENTION OF A NEW WEAPON IN THE FORM OF A POWDER WHICH CAN WIPE OUT VAST AREAS BUT LEAVE THEM UNCONTAMINATED. THE STORY SOVIET CITIZENS SEE IS THAT OF AMERICAN ARMY GENERALS, IN ALLIANCE WITH A PRIEST, THE KU KLUX KLAN, A FORMER NAZI GENERAL AND BIG BUSINESS, PLANNING TO USE SIX NEGROES AS HUMAN GUINEA PIGS TO TEST THEIR NEW WEAPON.

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WITH PROPAGANDA LIKE THAT, IT IS SMALL WONDER THAT IN THE SOVIET REPUBLICS POPULATED BY MINORITY PEOPLES I WAS ASKED SO MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ROBESON. THERE WAS A STRONG IMPRESSION THE AMERICAN SINGER WAS CRUELLY PERSECUTED. THEY SEEM ALMOST OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA.

THE PROPAGANDA IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF DEPRESSING FEATURES OF A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOVIET REPUBLICS. ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL AIR OF MONOTONY, IT IS DISCOURAGING TO REALIZE JUST HOW CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN.

WHAT DO THEY THINK OF THE UNITED STATES?

THEY KNOW WOEFULLY LITTLE ABOUT AMERICA--IN FACT ABOUT ANY WESTERN COUNTRY IN TODAY'S TERMS. THEY HAVE ONLY THE SCRAPS OF MISINFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA WHICH APPEAR IN THEIR CONTROLLED PRESS. THE REMARKS AND QUESTIONS ENCOUNTERED BY A TRAVELLER DISPLAY AN ABYSMAL IGNORANCE.

SOME THINK HARRY S. TRUMAN IS BOSS IN THE UNITED STATES; OTHERS THAT IF TRUMAN IS NOT ACTUALLY PRESIDENT, HE HAS MUCH TO DO WITH RUNNING AMERICA, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES WORK TOGETHER TO HOLD DOWN THE WORKING CLASSES.

MY ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WERE LISTENED TO EAGERLY, SOMETIMES WITH DISBELIEF, BUT ALWAYS WITH DEEP INTEREST. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS:

A SCHOOL TEACHER IN KAZAKHSTAN: "DO THEY HAVE AN OPERA HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES?"

A WOMAN IN UZBEKSTAN: "DO MANY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL IN AMERICA?"

AN ENGINEER IN STALINGRAD: "WHY DOES MR. DULLES (SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES) WANT A WAR?"

MANY SOVIET CITIZENS HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT A VAST NUMBER OF AMERICAN WORKERS HAVE AUTOMOBILES. THIS IS ALMOST INCREDIBLE TO THEM. TO OWN AN AUTOMOBILE IN THE SOVIET UNION A WORKER HAS TO SAVE FOR YEARS AND GO THROUGH PILES OF RED TAPE. HE GETS NO CAR BEFORE HE HAS A GARAGE FOR IT, AND TO GET A GARAGE HE MUST HAVE OFFICIAL PERMISSION PLUS AN ALLOTMENT OF LAND AND THE MATERIALS. THERE ARE NOT MANY PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES IN THE SOVIET UNION BY ANY WESTERN STANDARDS.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ABOUT AMERICA AND AMERICANS, WHICH NEVER CEASES IN SOVIET REPUBLICS, IS BELIEVED IMPLICITLY BY THOSE BROUGHT UP IN STRICT PARTY DISCIPLINE, BUT IT MEETS SKEPTICISM IN SOME SURPRISING CIRCLES.

WHAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS ACCOMPLISHED IS TO MAKE THE SOVIET PEOPLE AFRAID. EVERYWHERE I WENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, ONE QUESTION ALWAYS WAS ASKED: "WILL THERE BE PEACE?"

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TOMORROW: AN INTIMATE GLIMPSE INTO THE KREMLIN.

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BY RICHARD P.POWERS

AP SPECIAL WASHINGTON SERVICE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31 (AP)-SEN. THYE (R-MINN) SAID TODAY THE U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS EFFECTIVE AS FAR AS IT GOES BUT IS "FAILING ENTIRELY IN REACHING THE MASSES."

"WE HAVE OUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL BASKET," SAID THYE, WHO IS JUST BACK FROM A 30 DAY GLOBE-CIRCLING TOUR AS A ONE-MAN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE CHECKING ON THE PROGRAM AND CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER A COMPLETE REEXAMINATION OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATION. HE ALSO PLANS TO CONFER WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AND HAROLD E.STASSEN, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION.

THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY WORK BEING DONE IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDCA, PAKISTAN, INDO-CHINA AND OTHERS IN HEALTH, FARMING AND OTHER BASIC FIELDS IS NOT REACHING THE GREATER MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THOSE COUNTRIES, THYE SAID.

"WE ARE FAILING ENTIRELY IN REACHING THE MASSES," HE SAID.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE WE ARE GIVING SUFFICIENT THOUGHT TO HOW WE REACH THE PEOPLE. THE WORK IS EFFECTIVE ONLY WHERE IT IS BEING PERFORMED.

"WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO ENROLL A GREAT NUMBER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THOSE COUNTRIES TO GO OUT INTO THE FIELD AND SPREAD THE WORK."

A PROPER SPREAD OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS THE BEST CHANCE TO "OFFSET RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA IN THOSE AREAS," THYE SAID.

DESCRIBING HOW HE VISITED ONE SMALL VILLAGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE A HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM WAS UNDER WAY, THYE SAID:

"MANY GRAY-HAIRED MEN MET US AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE AND FAIRLY WEPT ON OUR HANDS. THEY TOOK US INTO THE VILLAGE TO SHOW HOW THE HEALTH WORK WAS BEING DONE."

STATING THAT WHILE EXCELLENT RESULTS WERE BEING ACHIEVED IN THAT VILLAGE, THE SENATOR SAID THE TROUBLE WAS THAT 10 MILES AWAY THE PEOPLE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROGRAM.

"WE HAVE NOT BEEN PSYCHOLOGICALLY SMART ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE THIS TYPE OF AID IS BEING CARRIED OUT," THYE SAID. "WE HAVE OUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL BASKET."

THYE SAID THAT ON HIS RETURN TRIP HE STOPPED IN SPAIN TO INSPECT SITES FOR AMERICAN AIRFIELDS. HE DESCRIBED THESE AS GOOD FROM BOTH GEOGRAPHICAL AND MILITARY STANDPOINTS.

FOR YEARS, HE SAID, HE HAD ADVOCATED WORKING OUT SOME SUCH ARRANGEMENT WITH SPAIN FOR AMERICAN AIR BASES.

"HOWEVER, I WANTED TO HAVE A FIRST HAND LOOK TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE WERE NOT GOING TO GET INTO A BAD SITUATION AS WE DID IN MOROCCO WHRE WE SPENT MILLIONS ON BAD SITES AND HAD TO GIVE THEM UP. THESE SITES IN SPAIN ARE GOOD."

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 31 (AP)-A YOUNG SLOVAK WHO SAID HE HAD JUST COME FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN TOLD NEWSMEN TODAY THAT AN UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS IN EASTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DIRECTS THE OPERATIONS OF 100,000 FIGHTERS AGAINST COMMUNISM IN RUSSIA AND ITS SATELLITE COUNTRIES.

DR. V.STEFAN KRAJCOVIC, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO LIBERATE SLOVAKIA, INTRODUCED THE MAN UNDER THE PSEUDONYM OF "MICHAEL BAAR."

BAAR, A HUSKY, SOFT-SPOKEN MAN ABOUT 30, SAID HE HAD MADE 20 TRIPS ACROSS THE IRON CURTAIN. HE SAID HE USED A VAULTER'S POLE TO HURDLE THE BARBED WIRE AND OTHER BARRIERS AT THE FRONTIER--ALWAYS CROSSING IN THE EARLY MORNING, NEVER AT NIGHT.

HE EXPECTS TO GO BACK, HE SAID, "AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY."

BAAR POSED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH A BLACK MASK COVERING HIS EYES AND NOSE, BUT TOOK IT OFF FOR HIS TALK WITH REPORTERS. WITH HIM WAS A MAN INTRODUCED AS "COLONEL JAN BUKAR" AND IDENTIFIED AS THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OF THE SLOVAKIAN HEADQUARTERS.

BAAR SAID THE HEADQUARTERS GENERAL STAFF INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED EAST GERMANY, BYELO RUSSIA, THE UKRAINE, HUNGARY AND POLAND.

HE SAID THAT IN SLOVAKIA THERE ARE ABOUT 4,000 GUERRILLAS IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND HE HIMSELF CAME FROM A BAND OF 304.

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(200) KOREAN CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON,DEC.31 (AP)-THE FAMILIES OF MORE THAN 3,600 AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN WILL BE TOLD TOMORROW THAT THEIR SONS, MISSING IN KOREA FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR, MUST NOW BE PRESUMED DEAD.

THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER THAT THESE PRESUMPTIVE FINDINGS OF DEATH WOULD BE MADE EARLY IN JANUARY IN THE CASE OF MEN FOR WHOM NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO INDICATE THAT THEY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.

THIS ACTION BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WHICH COMPLIES WITH THE MISSING PERSONS ACT, RAISES TO NEARLY 30,000 THE BATTLE DEATH TOLL IN THE HOSTILITIES IN THE FAR EAST.

EVEN AFTER THE CHANGE OF LISTING FROM MISSING TO DEAD IS MADE FOR THE 3,600, THE SERVICES STILL HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 3,300 OFFICERS AND MEN. THE ARMY HAS YET TO MAKE FINAL CASUALTY DISPOSITION OF 2,900, THE AIR FORCE 420, THE MARINE CORPS ABOUT 490 AND THE NAVY 78. ALL WILL BE CARRIED AS MISSING UNTIL AT LEAST ONE YEAR HAS PASSED WITHOUT ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE HOPE OF THEIR SURVIVAL.

THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE TELEGRAMS OF NOTIFICATION TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE 3,600 STARTED GOING OUT FROM WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT BUT WILL NOT BE DELIVERED UNTIL TOMORROW. EARLY NEXT WEEK THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION THE NAMES AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE MISSING MEN THEY HAVE NOW DECLARED DEAD.

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NIGHT LEAD ROMANIAN

BY WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON, DEC 31 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT TOOK THE ROMANIAN LEGATION OUT OF THE MAGAZINE BUSINESS TODAY WITH A NOTE BANNING FURTHER PUBLICATION OF "THE ROMANIAN NEWS" AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNIST PAMPHLETS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BAN WAS IN RETALIATION FOR ACTION TAKEN BY THE RED ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT LAST TUESDAY, WHEN IT ORDERED THE AMERICAN LEGATION IN BUCHAREST TO DISCONTINUE "NEWS FROM AMERICA," A MONTHLY PUBLICATION PRINTED IN ROMANIAN.

THE EXCHANGE OF BANS APPEARED TO HURT THE COMMUNISTS MORE THAN THIS COUNTRY, SINCE "THE ROMANIAN NEWS" HAS BEEN COMING OUT ONCE A WEEK

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HERE FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. "NEWS FROM AMERICA" FIRST APPEARED IN OCTOBER WITH A CIRCULATION OF 1,600, AND THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY THREE ISSUES.

A NOTE DELIVERED TO THE ROMANIAN LEGATION TODAY SAID:

"AS THE LEGATION IS DOUBTLESS AWARE, THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THE AMERICAN LEGATION IN BUCHAREST TO CEASE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION IN ROMANIA OF A PERIODICAL ISSUED BY THAT LEGATION ENTITLED 'NEWS FROM AMERICA'.

"ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REQUESTS THE ROMANIAN LEGATION TO CEASE FORTHWITH THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES OF 'THE ROMANIAN NEWS'. THE DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE ROMANIAN LEGATION OF OTHER SIMILAR PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OR ITS ORGANS SHOULD ALSO BE TERMINATED."

REP. OVERTON BROOKS (D-LA) ISSUED A STATEMENT THIS WEEK PROTESTING DISTRIBUTION OF "THE ROMANIAN NEWS," BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY'S BAN WAS NOT RELATED TO THIS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED BANS AGAINST THE PUBLICATIONS OF TWO OTHER COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN RECENT YEARS. IN JULY, 1952, THE DEPARTMENT SUSPENDED DISTRIBUTION OF THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY BULLETIN AFTER THE SOVIETS BANNED THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE "AMERIKA".

IN AUGUST, 1951, THE POLISH INFORMATION OFFICES IN NEW YORK WERE CLOSED AND A BAN PLACED ON ALL ITS PUBLICATIONS. THIS FOLLOWED THE FORCED CLOSING OF THE U.S. INFORMATION OFFICE IN POLAND.

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FOREIGN OUTLOOK

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31 (AP)-THE YEAR 1954 WILL SEE MANY IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. IT MAY ALSO BE A YEAR OF DECISION.

THE DECISIONS, HOWEVER, WILL MOST LIKELY COME ON ISSUES WHICH CAN BE SETTLED AMONG THE WESTERN ALLIES RATHER THAN ON DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE WEST AND RUSSIA.

U.S. OFFICIALS ARE INCLINED TO CREDIT RUSSIA'S MALENKOV GOVERNMENT WITH ONE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS 1954 ROLLS ROUND. THE NEW REGIME HAS UNFROZEN THE SOVIET DIPLOMACY WHICH HAD BECOME RIGID UNDER THE LATE PREMIER STALIN. BUT THIS HAS MERELY INCREASED RUSSIA'S ABILITY TO MANEUVER. IT HAS PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE THAT THE REDS ARE READY TO MAKE AGREEMENTS ON TERMS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNIST AND FREE WORLDS.

DIPLOMATS MOVING INTO THE NEW YEAR HAVE THEIR EYES FIXED ON AT LEAST THREE KEY FACTS:

1. THE KREMLIN HAS AGREED--AFTER HEAVY WESTERN PRESSURE AND REPEATED PRODDING--TO A MEETING OF BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS AT BERLIN IN LATE JANUARY. THE KREMLIN HAS ALSO AGREED TO TALK WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER ATOMIC POWERS ABOUT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PLAN FOR USING ATOMIC ENERGY IN AN INTERNATIONAL POOL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND ALSO ABOUT RUSSIA'S OWN PROPOSALS FOR BANNING ATOMIC WEAPONS.

2. SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, ON THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES HAS TWICE IN RECENT WEEKS WARNED FRANCE THAT UNLESS IT APPROVES THIS MEANS OF OBTAINING CONTROLLED GERMAN REARMAMENT AND A SOLUTION OF FRANCO-GERMAN TROUBLES THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO REAPPRAISE ITS EUROPEAN POLICIES.

3. THE PROGRESS OF FIGHTING IN INDOCHINA IN 1954 WILL CLEARLY DETERMINE WHETHER, AS AMERICAN AND FRENCH LEADERS NOW BELIEVE, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GAIN A MILITARY DECISION OVER COMMUNIST FORCES THERE AND RENDER THEM RELATIVELY HARMLESS, IF NOT ACTUALLY CRUSH THEM.

PLANS TO ACHIEVE THIS WERE MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR. THEY PROVIDE FOR GREATER FRENCH UNION TROOPS STRENGTH AND GREATER UNITED STATES AID.

ON THE OUTCOME OF THE FIGHTING IN INDOCHINA DEPENDS THE SECURITY OF THE WHOLE HUGE AREA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT IS EVIDENT THAT WASHINGTON AND PARIS HAVE BUILT VERY HIGH HOPES UPON THEIR NEW STRATEGY. IF THIS SHOULD FAIL OR APPEAR TO BE BOGGING DOWN THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA WOULD BECOME A MOUNTING SOURCE OF DANGER TO THE FREE NATIONS.

IN ONE RESPECT THE MAJOR TASK AHEAD OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS WILL BE THE SAME AS IT WAS IN THE PAST. THEY MUST PREVENT RUSSIA FROM INTERFERING BY PROPAGANDA OR POLICY MOVES WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN DEFENSE STRUCTURE. IF THERE IS ONE POINT ON WHICH WESTERN LEADERS HAVE AGREED FOR YEARS IT IS THAT THE AMIABILITY OF RUSSIA DEPENDS UPON THE REAL POWER OF THE WEST.

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FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW RUSSIAN MANEUVERS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN AIMED AT PERPETUATING THE SPLIT IN WESTERN RANKS WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY AT THE HEART OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY SYSTEM. IN THUS EXPLOTING FRENCH FEARS OF A REVIVAL OF GERMAN POWER THE SOVIETS HAVE PLAYED UPON ONE OF THE GREAT WEAKNESSES OF THE NATIONS ARRAYED AGAINST THEM.

INSOFAR AS AUTHORITIES CAN READ THE INTENTIONS OF THE KREMLIN, PREMIER MALENKOV, FOREIGN MINISTER MOLOTOV AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNIST DIRECTORY ARE NOT REALLY INTERESTED NOW IN MAKING EITHHER BIG WAR OR BIG PEACE.

HENCE THERE MAY BE A TIME FREE FROM URGENT DANGERS OF WORLD WAR III, DURING WHICH THE UNITED STATES MAY REVIEW AND PERHAPS REALIGN ITS POWER COMMITMENTS.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO DIVISIONS FROM KOREA, THOUGH DULLES SAYS THIS WILL NOT LESSEN AMERICA'S TOTAL STRIKING POWER IN THE KOREAN ARE.

BUT IF THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT INTERESTED NOW IN SEEKING EITHER A MILITARY SETTLEMENT OR A CONFERENCE AGREEMENT, AUTHORITIES HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH PURSUING THEIR OWN MAJOR OBJECTIVES WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

THE WRECKING OF EDC AND A PERMANENT SPLIT IN THE WESTERN DEFENSE SYSTEM, WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE OF CHINA'S COMMUNIST REGIME AS ITS LEGAL GOVERNMENT, EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE WEST OF COMMUNIST RULE OVER EASTERN EUROPE, AND PRESERVATION TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT OF THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA IDEA THAT MOSCOW STANDS FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS WHILE WASHINGTON STANDS FOR WAR MAKING AND REACTION.

RUSSIA'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CALL FOR ATOMIC TALKS WAS ON THE WHOLE PROMPT BUTBUT MANY AUTHORITIES HERE FELT THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO AGREE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN OTHER EVIDENCE OF AN UNFREEZING SUCH AS MORE ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS BETWEEN RUSSIAN LEADERS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND THE CALCULATED RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS HELD BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IN VARIOUS WAYS AND FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

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